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Downhill... Pat Healy examines in a two-part series the impact of cuts in health service spending.

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New wave of rioting in Pakistan

Anti-martial-law protestors tore up 500 yards of railway lines in Pakistan's Sindh province as part of the civil disobedience campaign launched on Sunday.

Kidnap hunt

Police officers in Co Donegal were hunting a kidnap gang as fears grew for the safety of an informer's wife being held by the Irish National Liberation Army.

Rebel realism

Leaders of US-backed insurgents in Nicaragua admit they cannot win a military victory in Costa Rica.

US recovery

The American economy is recovering faster than expected, according to figures which show that between April and June gross national product expanded at a rate of 9.2 per cent.

Tripoli blast

Thirty people were injured when a car bomb exploded near a hospital in Tripoli, Lebanon, the second blast there in less than a month.

Looters held

About 120 people were arrested for looting in Houston and Galveston after Hurricane Alicia struck southern Texas.

Chess champion

Jonathan Mestel, the Cambridge University player, won the Griesonian Grant British chess championships at Southport, repeating his triumph of 1976.

Boycott rebuked

Geoffrey Boycott has been reprimanded by Yorkshire for slow scoring against Gloucestershire at Cheltenham last Saturday.

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Kinnock likely to block Benn's return to power

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Attempts by the far left to restore Mr Wedgwood Benn to his power base inside the Labour Party are expected to be frustrated by Mr Neil Kinnock after his likely election as leader in October.

The national executive committee (NEC) elections, at the party conference are almost certain to result in gains for the outside or "serious" left, but not enough to give them overall control.

Far left sources, however, have made clear that they will try to get Mr Benn re-elected to his former post as chairman of the party's home policy committee.

Mr Benn would be assured of the post if he had the support of the soft left, led by Mr Kinnock, but MPs close to the leadership believe it highly unlikely that he would back Mr Benn.

Russians to develop new mobile missile

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

The Soviet Union is planning to develop a mobile intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) as a way of protecting the backbone of its nuclear forces from new missile systems being developed by the US.

The official, whose name cannot be given, but who is closely involved in the negotiations, said the Russians were concerned their forces were becoming increasingly vulnerable to new US land-based MX and submarine-launched Trident missiles.

The Soviet move will have implications for British defence strategy, as Britain is planning to replace its Polaris nuclear deterrent with Trident 2 missiles during the 1990s.

Embassy bomb attempt

A man forced his way past police guards into the British Embassy here yesterday in a car containing a home-made bomb.

It was not clear whether the man had intended to blow up the embassy building or to use the bomb - described as a small device - in case he was stopped at the gates.

Home international football's finale

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The British home football championship, which began in 1883-84 and is the oldest international competition in the world, is to be discontinued at the end of the 1983-84 season.

The Football Association's international committee yesterday voted by a substantial margin to withdraw from the event next year and the Scottish authorities, who are known to be sympathetic to the move, are expected to decide likewise.

Blow restores blind man's sight



Mr Willis with Jason, who was three weeks' old when his father went blind.

A woman has restored her blind husband's sight by hitting him on the head with a plastic bucket. During the recent hot weather, he and his wife Karen, aged 20, were in a paddling pool in their back garden.

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By Leslie Plummer

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Rampton man released after 11 years

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A man who has spent 11 years at Rampton mental hospital has been released after inaccuracies were found in his medical records.

Mr Lyle Clarke, aged 27, who was committed in 1972, started a period of reassessment yesterday as a voluntary in-patient at a Northampton mental hospital as part of a rehabilitation course.

Fight to stop £400,000 pay-off

By Jonathan Clare

Furious shareholders in John Brown, the troubled engineering company, will fight to stop a possible £400,000 "golden handshake" to Sir John Mayhew-Saunders, the former chairman.

Such a payment would be a record. Ousted directors in other companies have tried to get more but have been blocked by shareholders, the courts or their former company.

Sir John's £400,000 would be based on his salary and five-year rolling service contract. Rolling contracts are renewed each year and are disliked by big shareholders because they are rarely able to question them.

Yesterday sources close to the company said negotiations were still under way with Sir John's lawyers but that the sum was likely to be less than half the suggested figure of £400,000.

The row over Sir John's compensation follows shareholder disquiet about a proposed record-breaking £560,000 payment to Mr Jack Gill, Associated Communications Corporation's former managing director, which has still to be settled.

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Advertisement for 'Palace on Wheels' train, featuring an image of the train and text describing its amenities and routes.

Kidney disease case in London as search for cause continues

The kidney disease that has caused three deaths in the past month, and affected 28 children in three areas has also affected a child in north London, it was said yesterday.

Dr Paul Gully, a Birmingham consultant in community medicine, visited the Communicable Diseases Surveillance Centre at Colindale, north London, where the search for the source of the disease haemolytic uraemic syndrome, is being coordinated.

Dr Gully is leading the search in the west Midlands, where a woman aged 59, and a girl aged two, have died and 18 children have been infected. Five are still in hospital, and the condition of two was said yesterday to be still causing concern.

He is also in touch with doctors in Sheffield, where there have been six cases, and Manchester, where there have been four, all children. In an apparently isolated case, a Nottingham girl aged nine died on August 12.

Dr Gully said the London case appeared recently, but the child was now well. He declined to pinpoint the area where it happened or the age and sex of the child. He said "I was told about it in confidence for my own information. But it was not part of a cluster. We expect such sporadic cases at this time of the year."

He denied a report that he had suggested ice cream or ice lollies were the possible source. All children ate them particularly in a hot summer. He said parents of the sick children had been asked about a whole range of food and drinks. "We have some ideas we are following up, but there is nothing definite."

At the Centre for Applied Microbiological Science, Porton Down, Wiltshire, Dr Peter Sutton, the director, said there was no progress to report on the cultures of blood samples from infected children. It is suspected that a virus is involved.

He continued: "We are exploring a number of avenues, but nothing has come up yet and it has got to be given longer. It could be a matter of days or weeks."

● Haemolytic uraemic syndrome is a condition in which the sudden rapid destruction of the red blood cells, a process known as haemolysis, causes acute renal failure, partly due to the blocking of the small arteries in the kidney (see Medical Correspondent writes).

The haemolytic process, as well as giving rise to severe anaemia also causes a drop in the number of platelets, particles in the blood essential for clotting. Death, when it occurs, can therefore either be due to kidney failure, a lowered resistance to infection, or severe haemorrhage. Dialysis on a kidney machine can help the patient to overcome the effects of the renal failure, but has no influence on the course of the disease.

The syndrome has been reported for the past 30 years, but has only recently received widespread publicity, probably as the result of a joint exercise being mounted this year by the Communicable Diseases Surveillance Centre and the British Paediatric Association, to monitor all cases in the hope of discovering common factors between them.

It was originally intended that there should be no publicity for the survey, but news of the cases reported to it has appeared in the press through the regional health authorities involved. Doctors hope that the publicity, though unplanned, may stimulate research.

The syndrome occurs in isolated cases as a result of septicæmia, eclamptic fits in pregnancy, or reaction to some drugs, and sometimes in the elderly without an obvious cause.

Particular interest is centred on the sporadic small outbreaks which occur in this country. Usually they affect children in the summer or early autumn.

When cases are clustered together in this way doctors naturally suspect that there might be an infecting agent, in this instance it is thought possible to be a virus. Infection may be only one of several factors; diet deficiency and genetic make-up have both been suggested as others.

Government scientists at Colindale are exploring the theory that the syndrome might be caused by the production of a toxin by one of the organisms which normally give rise to gastro-enteritis. Outbreaks are more common in other parts of the world, particularly South and Central America. Affected children first appear to be suffering from gastro-enteritis, but rapidly lapse into kidney failure. The failure produces nausea, vomiting, headache, itching, and if untreated, then proceeds to sleepiness, confusion, and death.



Clowns at prayer: A quiet moment before the frolics. (Photograph: John Voss).

Clown priests tumble in and take a pew

They were laughing, dancing and rolling in the aisles of St James's Church, Piccadilly, London, yesterday as Britain's first Christian clowning course got under way (Amanda Haigh writes).

Sixty would-be clowns, from teenagers to pensioners, came from all parts of Britain to learn tumbling, storytelling, puppetry, and mime, and make holy foolery of themselves.

The three-day course ends

with an eucharist at the church tomorrow, at which clowns, dancers, and puppeteers will perform the lessons and the prayers. The course was organized by British Christians keen to copy the success in the United States of about 3,000 clown ministry groups led by the clergy. They take their jokes and their message to hospital patients, prisoners, drug addicts and prostitutes.

Mrs Carol Crowther, aged

35, a professional clown from Wimbledon who is leading the course said: "It would be nice if we could persuade people in this country to become clown priests."

The Rev Roly Bain, aged 29, who is on the staff of Southwark Cathedral was taking part in the falling class and still wearing his clerical collar. He said: "Part of what I hope all this will do is to

encourage the Church to make a fool of itself.

Patrick Forbes, joint organizer of the course who is St Albans diocesan communications officer, said: "Humour has got a lot to offer. The Church is far too solemn."

His son Stephen, aged 15, thought the course was great making a fool of himself. "I do that anyway."

Father dug tunnel of death

A beach game designed to amuse children ended in death when Mr Graham Pepper, aged 28, father of two of the children suffocated as the tunnel he was digging collapsed on top of him.

An inquest at Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, yesterday was told how other holiday-makers dug with their hands and rescue services fought against the sand in a vain effort to rescue Mr Pepper, a fisherman, of Buttfield Road, Hessele, Hull, from the grave he had dug for himself.

"He was under 10 tons of sand and must have suffocated almost at once," the station officer, Mr Terry Blyth, who led the firemen struggling to reach him said.

Mr Michael Sutton, the coroner, recorded a verdict of misadventure.

Inquests open on 3 crash victims

The inquests on three of the four people who died in the M4 coach crash on Wednesday were opened at Swindon police station, Wiltshire, yesterday when the coroner, Mr John Elgar, heard evidence of identification.

Mrs Eirlys Phillips, aged 52, of Swansea, died from brain contusion and haemorrhage. Mr Patrick Barbes, aged 35, from Paris, died from multiple injuries, and Mr Michael Stephenson, aged 19, of Swansea, from severe head injuries. The inquests were adjourned until October 28.

Warning over hypnotist tapes

Cassette tapes for do-it-yourself hypnotists could lead to death on the roads, Mr Derek Fairley, of the Institute of Curative Hypnotherapists, said yesterday.

The tapes include the popular tune, "A Whiter Shade of Pale" which, if heard on the car radio, might send the driver into a trance with fatal consequences, he said.

Youngest girl to swim channel

Samantha Druce, aged 12 (above) who yesterday became the youngest girl to swim the English Channel.

She took the title from Alison Wetherly, of Howarth Road, Abbey Wood, south-east London, who had held it for about four hours after completing her swim from France to Dover on Thursday.

Driver named

The car driver killed by a train at a level crossing on Thursday while he was being pursued by the police was named yesterday as Mark Vase, aged 19, unemployed of Franklin Court, Park Barn, Guilford, Surrey.

British TV boost for Australia

By David Hewson

More Commonwealth television is to be seen in Britain from next October as a result of an agreement to raise the independent television companies' quota for overseas material.

It will provide an outlet mainly for Australian stations, but there will also be some programmes from Canada.

Independent companies are at present limited by the Independent Broadcasting Authority to showing a maximum of 14 per cent of overseas material. That figure is to be raised to 15.5 per cent - provided that the extra material comes from the Commonwealth.

One ITV executive said last night: "Australian television and films have improved tremendously in quality in recent years.

The level of American and other foreign material will stay at 14 per cent, though several categories are exempt, including classic films made before 1945.

Many television executives feel that the Commonwealth countries could have made greater inroads into British television in recent years if Britain's entry into the EEC had not brought about a rewriting of the quota rules.

The IBA has interpreted EEC regulations as dictating that programmes and films made within the Community should count as a British product, although few are even dubbed in English.



New Dr Who: Colin Baker, who succeeds Peter Davison in the BBC television series, posing yesterday with Nicola Bryant, the doctor's latest assistant "Pari".

Baker, who is aged

Pre-school computer programs

By Bill Johnston

Electronics Correspondent

Children in future may well discard their coloured balls and painting books in favour of home computers if a new type of program written specifically for children aged four to eight is successful.

Longman, the educational publishers, has launched three home computer programs designed to help children to take their first faltering steps towards literacy and numeracy.

The group has been involved in developing microcomputer software for schools, but these new programs effectively introduce it to the home computing market. Each of the programs is accompanied by an instruction book for parents.

The programs have been devised for the Sinclair Spectrum, the best-selling home computer in Britain, which can produce coloured effects. There are more than a million home computers in Britain.

Thorn-EMI is designing its own educational computer programs which it intends to send through cable television networks next year.

Jealous man jailed for kidnap plot

An obsessively jealous husband paid two men £2,000 to kidnap his former wife so that he could murder her, but when she tricked him out of the money he went to the police to complain, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Describing the "extraordinary" case, Mr John Bevan, for the prosecution, said that at first James Wiles lied to the police. He told them he had paid the Doris, aged 45, but had changed his mind and wanted to stop them.

Then he admitted that he had paid the money so they would kidnap her and bring her to him in a drugged state when he could murder her.

Wiles, aged 49, a painter of Patterson Point, Fife Road, Canning Town, east London, admitted incitement to kidnap and was jailed for five years which Judge Dewhurst said he doubted was long enough.

"You are an extreme danger to your wife, a menace to her, and the only safeguard is to lock you up for a considerable time," he said.

Mr Bevan said Wiles described to police his obsessive jealousy about his former wife.

Warning to drivers of Volvos

By Clifford Webb

Motoring Correspondent

Volvo is writing to 25,000 owners of automatic versions of its 300 series car, telling them to check their driving techniques after reports that the car can shoot forward out of control immediately after starting the engine.

Dr John Tintner, a London general practitioner and Volvo owner, has called for a Government investigation and a recall of all Volvo 300s.

However, independent investigations by the Motor Industry Research Association (MIRA) and the Department of Transport have cleared the car of any faults that could cause a sudden surge forward.

Department of Trade inspectors interviewed several Volvo owners before visiting the Dutch factory where the 1397cc car is made. They saw the installation of the belt-driven, continuously variable automatic gearbox acquired when Volvo bought the former Daf car company.

A senior executive at Volvo Concessionaires Limited of High Wycombe, which handles all Volvo imports, said last night: "Following the MIRA report and the action of the Department of Transport we are confident that it is impossible for the car to go out of control without driver error."

He declined to speculate on other causes, but agreed that driver error appeared to be the only alternative.

A Volvo dealer offered a possible explanation last night. He said: "A lot of elderly motorists buy the 300 automatic. They start the engine with the choke out which means that it will be revving very fast, engage drive, and then wonder why it has shot forward without them touching the accelerator."

Woman in affair with boy keeps job

A social worker who had an affair with a boy aged 15 at an assessment centre for problem children is to stay in council employment.

The woman, aged 23, carried on the affair for almost a year after being told to end it. She was promoted after she promised never to see the boy again.

Now Liverpool Labour councillors have decided she should not lose her job with the City Council, but be transferred to a job away from child care. The boy is still in council care.

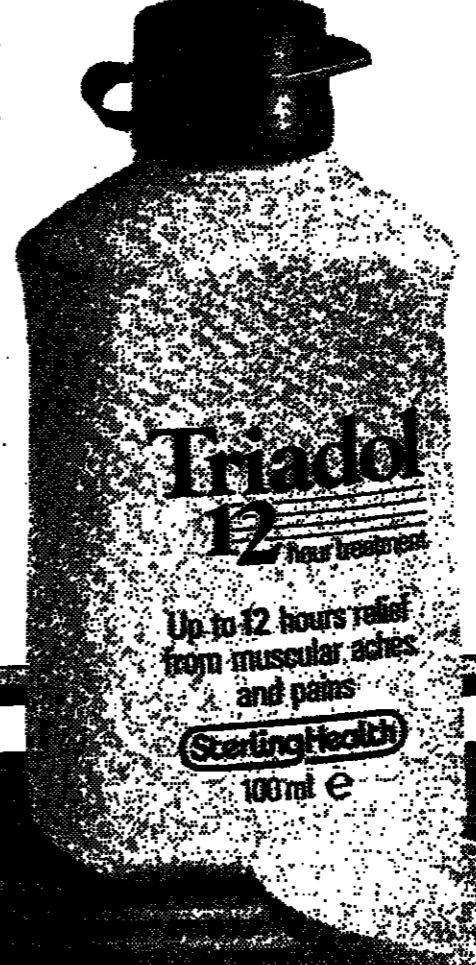
The unnamed woman, who was 21 when the affair started, was a houseparent at New Heyes Assessment centre when she was confronted about the affair by an acting social worker and the deputy warden of the centre. At a further meeting in November, 1981, she promised to end the relationship, and in May she was promoted to supervisor at another centre.

But the affair continued in secret until February this year when the boy's mother discovered three love letters written to her son by the social worker, who was immediately suspended on full pay.

But despite a recommendation by the city's social services director, Mr Donald

Muscular pain is a particularly persistent kind of pain. Almost like a bodily toothache. That's why ordinary remedies are seldom enough. Because unless you keep repeating the treatment throughout the day, the pain simply comes back. With new Triadol, however, that problem doesn't exist. Because it's the medicine specially formulated to give up to 12 hour relief from muscular aches and pains. Specially developed, after many years of research, to deal with the specific problems of

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Pakistan's deepening crisis

Anti-Zia protesters sabotage railways

From Our Correspondent Islamabad
Protesters against President Zia ul-Haq's martial law regime yesterday ripped up 300 yards of railway lines in Sindh province, seriously disrupting railway traffic between the northern and southern parts of Pakistan.



End of protest: Qari Sher Afzal, an opposition leader, being taken into custody by troops during anti-martial law demonstrations in Karachi.

The protest demonstrations and civil disobedience campaign were launched last Sunday by the newly created 'Save Pakistan' movement. The banned eight-party Movement for the Restoration of Democracy is behind the new grouping.

The campaign has been confined largely to Sindh, the home province of the late Prime Minister, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who was overthrown by General Zia in a coup six years ago.

There has been no official statement about the effect of the sabotage of railway lines, but according to the Rawalpindi Railway Inquiry Office, the Tuzgan - Pakistan's track express - was running up to seven hours behind schedule yesterday.

Larkana, Mr Bhutto's home town, Jacobabad and Naushero Feroz.

At the same time, the martial law authorities have introduced harsher penalties to check anti-regime agitation across the country.

On Thursday a Lahore

military court passed a sentence of one year's jail on Mr Chanduri Mohammad Arshad, a former member of General Zia's military Government and the present president of the Pakistan Democratic Party. He was also fined 20,000 rupees (£1,000).

The Karachi Bar Association and several opposition leaders have demanded an end to the summary trials and asked the Government to provide full information about the detained persons.

Many top opposition leaders have been detained for up to 90

days to prevent them taking part in the civil disobedience campaigns.

The leaders of Mr Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party have been severely dealt with. Miss Benazir Bhutto, the executed Prime Minister's daughter, has indeed been detained since March, 1981, long before the current anti-martial law agitation was planned.

The Government has repeatedly warned the public that anyone found guilty of violating martial law regulation 48 could be sentenced to 14 years' rigorous imprisonment, whipped and fined.

This martial law regulation prohibits all political activities or incitement to political activity. Opposition leaders suspect that the Government might use this regulation to force newspapers to stop publishing reports of the disturbances.

KARACHI: Anti-martial law sources here reported that police shot dead five rioters and wounded 20 more in new fighting in Sindh province (AP and Reuters report). The sources said that police opened fire on demonstrators while trying to disperse them at Naushero Feroz, in the Nawabshah district.

Eyewitness reports said the dead include three people in Moro and one each in Dadu, Larkana and Mehr.

Police used baton charges and tear gas to break up groups trying to set fire to banks and railway stations in Bhan Saeedabad and Khairpur Nathanshah, according to both official and unofficial sources.

Walloons aim for victory at Waterloo

Waterloo, Belgium (AFP) - A group of Walloons, French-speaking Belgians, are on the warpath over alleged British efforts to take over the battlefield where the Duke of Wellington defeated Napoleon in 1815.

The 'Walloons People's Rally' has issued its war cry: 'No to the anglicizing of the battlefield.'

Senator Jean Humblet, who represents the Walloon part of Brabant, which includes Waterloo, explained that the British were putting up too many signs in English to commemorate the battle.

Six of them have been erected in the past three years on historical buildings, and we are seeing a veritable anglicizing of this famous battlefield.

Waterloo, 12 miles south of Brussels, is generally regarded as the place where Napoleon was defeated, rather than of the Duke of Wellington's victory, and has become something of a shrine for the Emperor's admirers.

About half a million tourists visit Waterloo every year, and as half are American and British, the Duke of Wellington has decided to form a committee to keep alive the memory of his ancestor.

Extradition of Gelli approved too late

Lausanne (Reuters) - The Swiss Supreme Court yesterday approved the extradition of Licio Gelli, nine days after he escaped from jail and disappeared.

The court ruled on a request filed by the Italian Government last Autumn, despite the fact that Signor Gelli's whereabouts are unknown since he escaped from Geneva's Champollion prison on August 10.

Signor Gelli, grandmaster of the illegal P2 masonic lodge whose members included Italian Cabinet ministers, bankers, generals and media personalities, was arrested in a Geneva bank on September 13 last year trying to draw \$120m (79m) from a numbered account.

Italian magistrates say the right-wing P2 lodge plotted against constitutional order. Its discovery in 1981 led to the downfall of the Italian Government headed by Signor Arnaldo Forlani.

Investigators also allege that Signor Gelli, an industrialist, played a role in the fraudulent collapse of the Banco Ambrosiano, which crashed last year with some \$1,400m of its funds missing.



Signor Gelli: His whereabouts unknown.

The court ruled that Signor Gelli's alleged offences, cited in the extradition request as defamation, fraud and fraudulent bankruptcy, were mainly economic and only marginally of a political nature.

There was no political reason to bar his extradition, the court said, adding it had no grounds to believe that Italian authorities would prosecute him for offences not recognized as crimes under Swiss law.

Motel driver's remorse

Alice Springs (Reuters) - The driver accused of murdering four people when his juggernaut lorry crashed into the bar of a motel bitterly regretted the incident, his lawyer said in court in Alice Springs yesterday.

Four people were killed instantly and 30 injured, 11 seriously, when the lorry ran into the crowded bar at Ayers Rock in Central Australia on

Thursday. A fifth victim died later of injuries.

Douglas Crabbe, aged 36, the driver, was found by police several hours after the crash on a building site about 10 miles from the motel.

No plea was entered when Mr Crabbe appeared on four counts of murder. He was remanded in custody until another hearing scheduled for September 12.

Curfew extended for Sri Lanka pageant

From Our Correspondent, Colombo
The night curfew here and in eight other districts was extended by two hours from yesterday until Sunday to enable strengthening of the security forces in the central town of Kandy where the historic annual pageant of elephants, drummers and dancers reaches its climax this weekend.

There have been intelligence reports that anti-government forces may attempt to disrupt the pageant by throwing bombs at the elephants.

Fourteen spectators died in a stampede in 1959 when an elephant went berserk after it trod on a burning coal that fell from a brazier.

In Kandy itself the curfew will be reduced by an hour to enable spectators to return

home after the show. There is a similar concession for three towns south of Colombo for a minor pageant.

Meanwhile, Mr H. W. Jayewardene, a younger brother of President Jayewardene, left yesterday to tell Asian leaders about steps being taken to restore law and order in Sri Lanka and to resettle and compensate victims of the recent communal violence in which the official death toll was 384.

Mr Jayewardene, who was the Sri Lanka Government's special envoy in discussions with the Indian Prime Minister in Delhi last week, will visit Japan, South Korea, China, the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand.

With an interest rate as good as ours, we don't have to shout about it.



Señor Merin: Sought last-minute concession.

Spain to cut back on fish catches

From Richard Wigg Madrid

Spain and Morocco signed a four-year fishing agreement in Rabat yesterday under which Madrid has promised to reduce progressively its catches in Moroccan waters by 40 per cent.

Spain will also pay £360m in development aid and pay 60 per cent for the licences required to fish.

After months of difficult negotiations, Señor Fernando Merin, the Spanish Foreign Minister, had to fly to Rabat on Thursday to see King Hassan and wrest from him one last-minute concession.

This will allow fishing by the Canaries fleet in the Sardinian coastal waters declared a security zone by Morocco in the fight against the Saharan Polisario guerrillas, although the waters further south will be barred to Spain.

By accepting such an agreement, the Government has effectively begun the arduous task of restructuring Spain's fishing fleet.

The next task is to accept finally the terms of a fishing agreement with Portugal, after the lapse of the old one last December.

How Prague lives with the invader

Prague (AFP) - Fifteen years after Soviet tanks crushed liberal seeds sown in the Prague spring, Czechoslovaks have resumed the quiet habits under the inexorable authority of a troubled power. The anniversary of the invasion falls tonight.

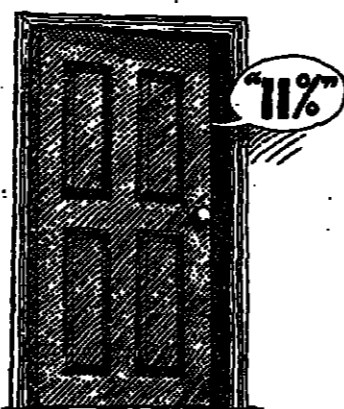
The people no longer take part in politics. They work as little as possible and live rather well, leaving a handful of dissidents to pit themselves against the regime.

Home politics have been the exclusive prerogative of the Communist Party for 35 years. Czechoslovakia no longer disputes it, going along to the 'spontaneous' demonstrations in which they are invited and then counted by mass organizations.

Foreign policy has been rigidly based on lessons from Moscow, which Prague has swallowed better than any other Eastern block satellite. Criticism of the West tends to surpass even the teacher's expectations.

Yet life is good and getting better: shops are well-stocked, nobody has to queue and savings banks are overflowing. The number of television sets has doubled in the last 12 years. Foreign travel has increased and the high price of petrol does nothing to deter thousands from heading for the country and one of the longest weekends on the Continent every Friday lunchtime.

Both of Czechoslovakia's main component races gave up armed struggle against invaders centuries ago, preferring non-violent resistance. With better life than the Soviet invader, who is kept locked up in barracks, the Government is left to ponder how to maintain the status quo.



Tax shock for Andorra

From Our Own Correspondent, Madrid

Andorra, the principality lying between Spain and France in the Pyrenees, is in upheaval after a vote by its Parliament to introduce income tax. The tax will mainly affect financial companies and banks.

There is talk of an appeal against the new taxes which would be paid to Andorra's curules, the President of France and the Spanish Bishop of Urgel.

proposal into the budget, only obtained 12 votes in its favour, with eight against and seven abstentions. A government crisis is not ruled out, nor are fresh elections.

Andorra's budgets previously were financed mainly of indirect taxes, which were often passed on to visitors. Now it has been hit, like everyone else, by the world recession and the effects of last November's disastrous flooding in the region.

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THE SOVIET CHALLENGE: III

A realistic assessment of Moscow's policies is the first step towards organizing a coherent defence. The need for an adequate military budget is generally acknowledged, even if the precise level and distribution of expenditure is hotly debated.

effective counter-measures become clear. It makes little sense to spend the country's wealth on weapons of mass destruction which, as deterrents, it is hoped never to use, while simultaneously trying to economize by reducing the educational budget for Russian studies or cutting the external services of the BBC.

distorted Soviet broadcasting on Northern Ireland. Western society thrives on open debate, while the Soviet leadership fears all free discussion. Coordination of military defence has largely been achieved through Nato, but there is little sign of a coherent policy on economic matters.

Familiar ring of empire building

From Mr Matthew Parris, MP for Derbyshire West (Conservative). Sir, It is amusing to run through today's leading article ("The Soviet Challenge" August 18) reading "1883" for "1983" and "The British Empire" for "The Soviet Union".

Your scepticism about the "ordonnance" doctrine would, in the British case, be perhaps redirected towards our doctrine of the defence of Imperial sea-lanes and land-routes. Was it justified? Did we believe it? Does it matter?

When speed limits fail to save lives

From Dr Robert Reid. Sir, How effective is your reported reduction (August 15) in the 70 mph speed limit for coaches likely to be? Most modern vehicles can and do travel on motorways at speeds far greater than the law allows.

already exists which monitors the time a driver spends at the wheel, and there is no good reason why another should not monitor speed. Until a system can be put into operation which succeeds in rigorously fixing a limit on the speed of heavy vehicles a new national value will be ineffective as the present one and the carnage will continue.

THE ENGLISHNESS OF KUNSTGESCHICHTE

Hitler's bombers destroyed many buildings England would like still to have. But Hitler's Jew-baiters gave England a man who has taught us to read those that remain, and those that have sprung up since, with a fresh and accurate eye.

on the vernacular of the rambling English countryside, an ominous collision. But whether the method relented or the material pulled itself together, the outcome is a perfect blend and a source of unending pleasure.

him on the subject of the little church of St Mary at Lawton in Essex. He is standing in the fourteenth-century chancel. The large N and S windows of three lights have eight different tracery patterns of which at least five are quite unusual and must probably be credited to the imagination of this particular master mason.

Treating people - and the community

From the Chairman of the Chiropractic Advancement Association. Sir, My association, which represents the interests of chiropractic patients, welcomes the BMA's inquiry into alternative forms of health treatment and shares its concern about some of the claims made and methods used by paramedical practitioners.

alternative treatments for disease which contrast with the ungenerous attitude of much of the medical world to such alternatives. Another fast-growing dimension to health care which often provokes a similarly hostile reaction from the medical profession is community health.

Loophole in Act

From Mr Toby Eckersley. Sir, Lord Harris of Greenwich (feature, August 9) complains about Islington Council's abuse of its powers in granting monies to a co-operative to engage in producing a newspaper favouring the council's political views, and accuses the Government of opening a loophole for this expenditure. His concern is academic.

Computerized markets

From Mr R. S. Musgrave. Sir, I second your suggestion (August 10) that the Met Office and British Telecom come together to provide a weather information service that is paid for via the telephone bill. But British Telecom should do the same for anyone wanting to provide information for a fee over the phone.

LSO's programming

From the Chairman of The London Symphony Orchestra. Sir, Having just returned from a highly successful visit to the Salzburg Festival it is with some dismay that we hear from Mr Bryan Appleby, who says that we could be responsible for "radical upheaval" and "profound consequences" in the serious music industry as a result of our current negotiations with The Barbican Centre about our future artistic policy in our home in the City of London.

steady diet of only Beethoven, Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninov, complacently played to happily full houses, we would be sadly lacking in fulfilling our role of the resident orchestra of a major concert hall and failing bodies such as the City of London Corporation, the Arts Council and the GLC whose invaluably support has made our Barbican seasons possible. Not least we would be failing our public. These considerations far outweigh the audience numbers game.

Salmon in danger

From Mr T. D. Thompson. Sir, Mr E. J. Lipscombe's letter on Scottish salmon stocks (August 12) calls for quick and decisive action by the new Minister of State at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. He does not mention the Secretary of State for Scotland (equally new) within whose authority decisions affecting Scottish salmon stocks are made.

including Scotland) should have as its primary object the protection and enhancement of salmon angling as the most important application of this valuable national resource. This does not mean that the netting industry should be abolished. Its importance in today's overall management of the salmon resource (ie "conservation"), however, is overdue for hard re-examination.

Latvian nationalism

From Mr Andrei Dubrovsky. Sir, Nationalism is "the most powerful chemical solvent" which is going to bring the Soviet Union crashing down in ruins, writes Mr Bernard Levin in his article on Soviet Latvia (August 9). Very dramatic Mr Levin - will the Soviet Union survive until next week?

Soviet power here in 1940," he said. "We restored it. We proclaimed the Soviet Republic of Latvia in 1918. That puts a slightly different perspective on Mr Levin's assertions of a Soviet seizure of Latvia in 1940 (not 1941).

especially at the very demanding A level. In no way can time be spared for general class teaching by these specialists. Who, therefore, will teach these so-called economic "facts of life"? Teachers in cognate areas such as sociology and history are unlikely to welcome this opportunity. We are then faced with a teaching activity of less than good quality.

Manicheism on Mexico

From the Mexican Ambassador. Sir, Not without considerable surprise I found your paper indulging in undisguised manicheism (leader, August 13). Everything that my Government is doing deserves your editorial wrath.

Third World relies, or the catastrophic rise in interest rates, Mexico would have easily avoided its present financial straits. All the blame for the "wet-backs" is also put on Mexico. Nothing is said about the unprovoked and unjust commercial boycott of Mexican products which has caused further unemployment; nor about the constant refusal of the US government legally to protect the basic human rights of foreign workmen. And the faulty situation remains, and my compatriots continue to be wilfully and unmercifully exploited.

coupled with the recent trend in local elections, points to the obvious conclusion that Mexico is solving its present problems in a democratic fashion. The Revolutionary Party continues to govern not because of its secretiveness and arbitrariness, as you suggest, but because it represents a majority of the political forces in today's Mexico. Its candidates certainly reveal the policies they intend to follow, and public opinion takes due notice of any deviation.

Pure bunkum. From Mr Kevin Redpath. Sir, An item purchased today, contained the following cryptic code of additives: E102, E127, E202, E282, E321, E332, E407, E471, E472a and E472c. Does this indicate a slight decline in the sensitivity of the British palate?

SOCIAL NEWS

Princess Margaret celebrates her birthday tomorrow... Princess Anne will present the prizes for the FEI European Three-Day Event Championships for Young Riders to be held at Burghley, Stamford, Lincolnshire, on September 10.

Buckingham Palace on October 27... The Prince of Wales will visit 'Project Fulfillment' at 34/40 Ludgate Hill, in the City on October 27.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. R. F. Ballantyne and Miss E. J. Dodds... The engagement is announced between Rupert, younger son of the late Forsy Ballantyne and Mrs B. Ballantyne, of Bowdoin, Cheshire, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. P. Dodds, of Dundie, Northamptonshire.

Mr D. K. Hibbs and Miss J. M. McGown... The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs K. Hibbs, of Shirely, West Midlands, and Judith, daughter of Dr and Mrs F. M. McGown, of Standon Massey, Essex.

Latest appointments

Dr Robin Clarke, assistant director of the Natural Environment Research Council's Institute of Hydrology at Wallingford, Oxfordshire... Mr Noel Burdett, director of Sanitized Services Europe, Middle East and Africa, to be deputy chairman of the Housing Corporation in succession to Mr Lewis Waddell.

Marriages

Mr C. D. Andry and Miss V. M. Lovett... The marriage took place on August 13 at Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts, of Mr Christopher Andry, son of Mr Peter Andry and Mrs Rosemary Barratt, of London, and Miss Virginia Lovett, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. M. Lovett, of Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

Birthdays

Today: Mr Reginald Bevins, 75; Lieutenant-General Sir John Cowley, 78; Mr John Embury, 31; Sir Frank Englewood, 93; Mr Anatole Fistioulak, 76; Professor Sir John Plunk, 72; General Sir Nigel Post, 76; Mr Johnny Prescott, 45; Baroness Robson of Kiddingston, 64.

Tomorrow: Mr A. C. Abbott, 62; Dame Janet Baker, 50; Count Bessie, 79; Lord Beswick, 71; Mr Christopher Brasher, 45; Sir Kenneth Cork, 70; Lord Goodman, CH, 70; the Hon Gerald Lascelles, 59; Mr Barry Norman, 50; Mr Sam Toy, 60; Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Vickers, 55; Mr Mike Weston, 45.

Church news

Church in Wales... The Rev. T. S. Jones, the Vicar, Blandford, Dorset, in the 'retorial' benefice of Wootton Bassett, in the diocese of St Asaph.



Olé! Paco Peña and members of his flamenco company rehearsing for their opening night at the Festival Hall yesterday. The company with Mario Maya, the dancer, will be performing in London until next Thursday. (Photograph: David Cairns).

Freedom needs a moral framework

Earlier this year Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, was reported to be thinking along similar lines to the Prime Minister when she pleaded for a return to Victorian values. She appeared to have the spirit of private enterprise especially in mind.

Christians we need to understand that Jesus insisted on absolute standards in his teaching about the kingdom of God. Without those his call to repentance and offer of forgiveness would be meaningless.

Fossil first for reptile in Australia

A zoologist from Queensland University has discovered the fossil jawbone of a large mammal-like reptile which inhabited Australia more than 200 million years ago.

Science report: Venus mountain ranges

A radar scan of Venus has revealed parallel ranges of mountains caused by constant upheavals similar to those that created mountain ranges on Earth.

Service dinner

Suffolk Army Cadet Force... The Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, Sir Joshua Rowley, BL, presided at a guest night given by the Commandant, Lieutenant-Colonel R. G. Bowden, and officers of the Suffolk Army Cadet Force at their annual camp at Crowborough yesterday.

Roman Cotswold shrine unearthed

A round temple or shrine, containing about 200 Roman coins, has been discovered by archaeologists at Claydon Pike in the Cotswolds. It is believed to date from the third or fourth century AD.

Hot air celebration

A group of 46 manned balloons rose out of the mist shrouding Longlat, Wiltshire, yesterday. They were taking part in a three-day celebration of the bicentenary of the Montgolfier brothers' first ascent from Lyons.

Dairy farmers' efficiency questioned by survey

British dairy farmers' claim to be the most efficient in Europe is contradicted in a survey by the Milk Marketing Board, which says that the average herd size in England and Wales is by far the largest at almost 53 cows.

University news

NEW HALL College lectures in physics and astronomy in October... ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL... ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS...

OBITUARY

MR ALEKSANDAR RANKOVIC Vice-President and Police Chief under Tito

Mr Aleksandar Rankovic, who was Vice-President of Yugoslavia from 1963 to 1966 and was for many years head of the secret police, died yesterday at his summer home in Dubrovnik. He was 73.

MR SEBASTIAN EARL

Mr Sebastian Earl, who died on August 13, was a distinguished oarsman and rowing correspondent of The Times between the two world wars.

MR JOHN CHALMERS

Mr John Chalmers, a former chairman of the Labour party and a leading figure in the shipbuilding industry died at his home on Tyne-side on August 19 at the age of 68.

DR BERTRAM HOBBY

Dr Bertram Maurice Hobby who died on July 19, was Lecturer in Entomology at Oxford University and a fellow of Wolfson College.

Sir Charles Empson, KCMG, who died at his home at Ickham, near Canterbury, on August 17 at the age of 85, was Ambassador to Chile from 1955 to 1958, and had previously been Minister (Commercial) at the British Embassy in Washington from 1950 to 1955.

Lady Pile, who died on August 19, was the wife of Colonel Sir Frederick Pile, BT, whom she married in 1940.

Abbey service

A service of thanksgiving is to be held in Westminster Abbey on September 19 to mark the independence of St Kitts and Nevis.

Latest wills

Mr Desmond Arthur Reid, of Belgravia, London, Lloyds underwriter, left estate valued at £1,576,973 net.

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MARKET REPORT

Powell Duffryn hits peak

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings begin, Aug 15. Dealings end, Sept 2. Contango Day, Sept 5. Settlement Day, Sept 12.

The shares of Powell Duffryn hit a new peak yesterday of 268p as speculative money moved from BET to the company as the next potential bid target. Oil group Ultramar was widely thought to be a buyer and reports of strategic share stakes being built up abounded.

Mr David Hubbard, Powell Duffryn finance director, said the whole thing had grown out of all proportion. First, no large share stakes had appeared in the register apart from the Kuwaiti 8 per cent stake.

Secondly, Ultramar knew nothing to do with the company. "You can say that we are mildly irritated by the whole affair. If anything, we are on the takeover trail".

He added: "Now that consolidation is complete, we will come off our profits plateau and

we expect to move onward and upwards. We have not received any approaches in any form".

The Kuwaiti Investment Office comes up again with the announcement that it has increased its stake to 13 per cent in insurance brokers Hoeg Robinson. That kept Hoeg shares steady at the former level of 108p.

Games-maker John Waddington shares fell 2p to 229p as doubts arose over the success of BPC's takeover attempt. The offer closes on Tuesday when the exact position will become clearer.

BPC chairman, Mr Robert Maxwell, said acceptance had been coming in satisfactorily and he claimed the market had got it wrong. Institutional shareholders with an interest of 46 per cent have allegedly claimed they do not intend accepting the bid.

Elsewhere, nervousness over the next set of United States money supply figures - expected to be poor - caused buyers to hold off before the weekend. The FT 30 share index fell from yesterday's peak by 3.2 points to 735.7.

Stylo, formerly Stylo shoes, remained a whisker below its 130p peak for the year ahead of next month's special shareholders' meeting to decide if the company, controlled by the Ziff family, can buy back its own shares. The market says the shares are really worth 84p, but so far Stylo is saying nothing.

Once again American favourites ICI, down 5p to 536p, were the first to suffer. Other leaders registered losses of between 2p to 6p.

London Brick became the centre of takeover speculation yesterday as the idea arose that Tarmac may bid for the company. London shares firmed 3p to 84p. The idea is that once Tarmac has floated off its oil subsidiary, the money will be used to acquire London Brick.

Tarmac directors were not available yesterday for comment but they said earlier in the week that the oil float-off was reports figures next Wednesday when its intentions towards Istock Johnson - its bid was cleared last Wednesday - is expected to be announced.

Some poor company results caused an 18p loss to 280p for Wholesale Fittings while the rights issue announcement knocked 4p off Rockware at 25p. Waring & Gillow lost 7p to 95p on disappointing figures

while the poor performance from Cerah Thursday clipped another 3p off the shares to 60p. On a brighter note recent USM issues Scusa gained 7p to 114p on news of two further United States acquisitions.

Hopes that Burton Group may yet acquire the John Collier and Richard Shops chains from Hanson Trust added 3p to Burton shares 336p.

The appointment of a new chairman and optimistic forecasts from the annual meeting added 3p to Distillers 228p.

Grindlays was a downward feature, falling 13p to 149p as the realization sank in that the bank is now virtually bid proof. Associated Dairies fell 4p to 168p ahead of next month's profit figures while on the bid target for Charter Consolidated.

Wayne Lintott

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Commoners who are Lords-in-waiting

From bankers to blacksmiths, carpenters to commuters, village cricket is the great leveller. John Parker visits Troon for the semi-final of a national contest with the prize a ticket to Lord's

Troon. Sixteen hundred souls housed in rows of little granite cottages built a century and more ago for the tin miners of Cornwall. Now there is 19 per cent unemployment typified by the derelict pitheads dotting the treeless landscape; but they have been inactive since the depression of the 1920s and kept so by the politicians and the microchip revolution. A church. A pub. And a cricket club.

Langleybury. A hamlet set in the lush Hertfordshire countryside just 23 miles from Charing Cross. Commuterland. Two hundred people live here, collected around a crossroads, a church, a pub. And a cricket club. I don't suppose either village would have known where to find the other on an Ordnance Survey map until a couple of weeks ago. But last Sunday Langleybury gathered its cricket bags and supporters and departed by air, coach, train and car some 340 miles to Cornwall for the semi-final round of the Whitbread National Village Cricket championships. Far away the Yorkshire village of Sessay was preparing in like manner to do battle with the invaders from Quarndon in Derbyshire.

The prize: the cricketer's dream, a place in the final at Lord's on Sunday, August 28. Troon have made the trek there three times since the competition began 11 years ago, and have come away winners each time. Langleybury have been close - losing semi-finalists three times already and now giving it a fourth go.

The two teams have never met, but Troon, for all their experience, are worried. They don't think the odds are in their favour. They have had an easy run through the seven matches of the competition so far, but they don't think they are quite the force they used to be.

Never mind, it's only a game, isn't it? As Gerald Penberthy, the Troon chairman, says to Dick White, the club treasurer. But his dark eyes tell you he



doesn't mean it, and that to Troon - and to thousands of other villages across the country - the game is a religion. On the way up to the trim field from the impressive clubhouse he tells the story: how the club was founded in 1875, its early successes drawing enthusiastic support from the villagers; how all the team, except one, came back from the 1914-18 trenches; how the club became socially and psychologically vital to the village through the slump of the 1920s and the 1930s, rescuing people on their Saturday afternoons from the misery of everyday life on the dole, and how it is performing the same service nowadays.

"How much would you say this clubhouse is worth?" he asks, pointing to the long, low building with its two bars, lounge and snooker room; comfortably, almost luxuriously, furnished. "Thirty, forty thousand?" his eyes flash again. "It cost us under £5,000. We did all the work ourselves. A local farmer gave us the land on condition we built within five years and included a proper snooker room. The old village room was falling to bits. We raised the cash and did it all well within the time. Then we used the profits from the bar to build the new pavilion; and the last thing we did was to put up the new scoreboard."

banned from the competition because they have played Minor Counties cricket. Most suspicious. Gerald Penberthy is more concerned that the "programmes" - team lists - haven't arrived. They cannot charge an entry fee to the ground on Sundays, any more than they can at Lord's, but possession of a programme at 50p a time is supposed to get round that little legal difficulty. But it is only 10 o'clock, and there are a couple of hundred people who have not yet been separated from their 50ps.

By 11 o'clock the Troon clubhouse is filling up, and the village is alive with Langleybury supporters of all ages, some sporting Watford Football Club T-shirts. Home counties twang mingles with the slow western burr, the beer flows and the boasting grows bolder. At 12.44 pm precisely the big coach rolls in, carrying the visiting team and officials. They have flown from Luton to Newquay courtesy of the sponsors, and look menacingly refreshed by their picnic lunch on the beach.

By now the crowd is more than a thousand and swelling all the time as Troon's followers arrive from distant villages. There is a buzz of excitement as the teams come out for their pre-match warm-up. Langleybury look big, blond and professional as they flip catches to each other. Troon's black curly sideburns and swarthy skins signal the contrast. Langleybury's team consists of quantity surveyors, managers of sports shops, builders and accountants; Troon's contains engineers, potters, fitters and turners, a driving instructor, a farmer and a carpenter. On both sides ages range from 17 to the mid-fifties.

Terry Carter, Troon's skipper and veteran of three Lord's finals, wins the toss and elects to bat. In the third over he gets a lifting ball from Shaun Palmer, Langleybury's quickie, swings wildly at it and is well caught behind the wicket off his gloves. Nine for one soon becomes 13 for two as the Langleybury bowlers turn the screw. Bryan Carter, Terry's brother and "the best bat in Cornwall", spoons a "grannie catch" to young Paul Trussell at mid-wicket. Troon gloom is deepened by Langleybury enthusiasm. Both their key batsmen disappear for one run between them? Disaster.

Try as he may, bank manager John Spray can do little to improve Troon's run balance and his partner Steve Kitchen, the potter, is living up to his calling. The overs tick away as Troon's innings goes into slow motion.

Two chestnut horses poke their noses over the wall inquisitively, but soon back off. Cricket bores some people, too. A resolutely cheerful bunch of Troon teenagers push a wheelbarrow round the boundary, laden with cans (30p), Pauda Drops (14p), crisps (10p), and sandwiches (30p). They do a roaring trade, particularly as there's no beer tent on the ground. (What? With Whitbread as sponsors?)

Suddenly, the silver-haired Brian Davey, Langleybury chairman and opening bowler, leans on the bank manager's account with a slow, straight, swinging yorker.

Enter Scott Pedlar, stocky, fresh-faced and in his twenties, a carpenter by trade. He takes a quick look at Davey and drives him forcefully to the cover boundary, shattering the tense atmosphere.

At 20 overs, the orange juice comes out in best Lord's fashion. But the score is only 53, and the game is going Langleybury's way. A queue forms round the back of the pavilion for the only gentleman's facility, and a burly, bearded figure known as "Birdseye" enlivens the proceedings by announcing: "If this bloody bar would only hold water I wouldn't have had to wait in the queue."

After the re-start, Pedlar swishes and misses more than he connects. Kitchen defends grimly. But the opening attack has fulfilled its quota, and the second line bowlers are not quite so menacing. The score creeps towards respectability. Pedlar has 17 now, and a couple of square cuts show he is finding his timing. Pedlar drives at a good length ball, snicks back towards the wicketkeeper's face. Dobner snatches, and drops it. Groans from Langleybury, sighs



Scenes from the semi: Spectators, tea-makers and gladiators at the National Village Cricket championship semi-finals at Troon, Cornwall, and Sessay, Yorkshire

Weeding out the village greens

The National Village Cricket championship has been organized by The Cricketer magazine since 1972. The first sponsor was Haig Whisky, who promised a three-year run and stayed for six. Then Haig moved up-market to the club championship and Whitbread took over the sponsorship with equivalent success. It has run it ever since.

This year 570 village clubs paid the £10.50 entrance fee and the long trek to Lord's began late in April. The championship is organized by Findlay Rae, a retired civil servant whose love of cricket is exceeded only by his patience and ingenuity in bending his own rules to meet unexpected situations.

Rain is his biggest bugbear. This year's wet May and June caused hundreds of matches to be delayed or settled by various ingenious means. Officially the way to solve an abandoned game is for each man in the team to

work one ball at three stumps, the most hits winning the game. But Findlay Rae turns a blind eye to the teams who settle matters over darts or even skittles, in the pub. His favourite story is of the letter he received from a club secretary, responding to a complaint that one of his team was not eligible for the competition as he had not turned out the requisite number of times for the club.

"I can inform you," ran the reply, "that the player concerned has turned out for this club since the age of 16. From 11 to 16 he was the club's official scorer, and from six to 11 he put the numbers up on the scoreboard. Furthermore, writing as his parent and not as club secretary, I can assure you he was conceived in the pavilion."

This year's competition has produced its own crop of tales, among them that of the policeman fast bowler in a

Gloucestershire side who, waiting to catch a simple return hit, was knocked over by the opposing batsman. Naturally he appealed, and the batsman was given out.

"I suppose it's the first time a man's been given out for obstructing the police," he said reflectively. "Come to think of it, we could have had him for wilful damage after he went back and kicked a hole in the dressing room door."

This year's final is between Troon from Cornwall and Quarndon from Derbyshire, at Lord's tomorrow week. The match will begin at 2pm and will consist, like all the championship matches, of 40 overs a side. No bowler may exceed nine overs, and in the event of a tie the number of wickets lost is taken into account or, failing that, the scoring rate. Entrance to Lord's is free, and on past form between 7,000 and 10,000 spectators will turn up.

Palmer and Mike Hardy have the job of fighting back. "Mike's a probation officer. Perhaps he can sort this one out," says Riddick with an attempt at humour. But the mood in the Langleybury dressing room is as black as it had been in Troon's. The gloom deepens as, at 23, Palmer swings mightily at Johns and Johnny Warren, with all the time in the world catches the skier effortlessly. So much for young nerves.

Now it is a battle of attrition. The score creeps up as slowly as had Troon's. Terry Carter begins to switch his bowlers around, and Steve Pedlar gets a ball to lift and leave the edge of Walford's bat for a comfortable wicketkeeper's catch. Forty-four for four off 19 overs. Steve Kitchen is brought on from the village end with his slow off-spinners to tempt the batsmen into rashness. Forty-four for four off 20 overs. Drinks, and animated discussion all round the ground. It is anybody's match.

Terry Carter makes an athletic swooping stop and comes racing off the field. "Split my pants", he grins, but he is a quick-change artist as well and he is back at the end of the over. Hardy, battling grimly, is on 21 and Martin Brown, fluently left-handed, has brought him up with three Gower-like fours. Langleybury are beginning to accelerate menacingly when Brian Carter whips a ball back from the boundary and with a one-handed, one-movement scoop James has the balls off to run out Hardy. Eighty-three for five becomes 83 for six off the next ball as Brown tries to drive Dennis Compton used to indulge in. Fifteen for one.

Riddick, concentration shaken by his mistake, moves across his wicket to the very next ball and is bowled round his legs by Peter Johns. Two wickets in two balls. Another turning point? Now Simon

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Wine Club advertisement for Effortless Wine. Features various wine selections like 'The Club's House White', 'The Club's Italian Dry White', 'The Club's French Dry White', 'The Club's House Red', 'The Club's Italian Red', and 'The Club's French Red'. Includes pricing for cases of 6 bottles and contact information for The Wine Club.

FAMILY MONEY

School fees

Save the agony by saving with a flexible scheme

With only days left before the start of a new term, the annual agonizing over school fees and how to pay them begins.

A lot of mystery surrounds school-fee schemes but anyone seeking advice should remember that they all basically utilize existing insurance plans, the proceeds of which can be used for a number of purposes - not just the provision of school fees.

The parents' objective should be to build up a fund which can be used for several purposes. You may find that you change your mind about independent education, so it is important to make sure that any scheme has sufficient flexibility. The priority should be the maximum capital appreciation of savings. One scheme not generally used by school-fee planners is the tax-exempt Friendly Society policy, where your savings accumulate in a totally tax-free fund.

Each parent can save a maximum of £20 per month in this plan. The potential return after 10 years should be better than other forms of savings such as insurance-linked schemes which do not enjoy the same tax exemptions. That is, so long as the friendly society's investment team knows its business.

This type of scheme can be used to finance fees starting in 10 years' time. It is not profitable to draw on this plan for earlier school fees as the maximum return allowed within 10 years is the value of all premiums paid to date.

Ideally, a savings programme should be diversified between several institutions, to obtain the expertise of several investment teams. In the new economic climate where single-figure inflation is a welcome change from the double-digits of the previous decade, the effect of even this low inflation rate in future school fee costs still has to be taken into account.

One of the constraints in choosing a realistic school fee inflation rate, for a savings programme, is the effect it will have on the initial monthly cost of a plan. This may well discourage the parents from doing any planning at all. A monthly outlay of about £50, which rises gradually over



The initial years of a savings programme, should cover current-day school fees from the ages of 11 to 18 years for a child, allowing for inflation at 7 per cent (compound) from today.

You should start saving at whatever level you can afford and as early as possible, as it is easy to increase the level when you can afford more.

To ensure that fees can be provided earlier or later than the tenth year, the parents should consider a mixture of unit-linked 10-year policies and longer-term flexible policies both "with profits" and unit-linked. The longer-term policies should provide most of the necessary life-cover on both the father and the mother.

In addition, the savings contracts should offer the option to the parents of using

the proceeds for a house move or extra pension provision or help during the child's university years, if fees up to the age of 18 are not required. Parents' plans for their children's education may change over the years and a rigidly fixed scheme will not match their changing needs.

The saver is lucky to have such a wide choice of good insurance companies offering long-term plans. But this presents the parents with the problem of choosing between hundreds of competing plans on the market. To avoid having to shop around, they can use the knowledge of a specialist school-fee company, or investment adviser, who should summarize for them the most competitive plans available to suit their requirements. If in doubt consult several advisers

and compare their recommendations.

In recent years people have become more aware of the tax benefits available if a grandparent, friend or relative covenants money to a child to help with school fees. For every £100 covenanted, the donor can claim a basic-rate tax relief, reducing the cost to £70. As a non-taxpayer, the child is able to reclaim this tax deducted at source and so receives £70 from the donor, plus a £30 tax rebate.

This additional income for the child can be used to help with fees. A step-by-step guide is now available on setting it up correctly to ensure Inland Revenue approval. Joe Collins

FAMILY MONEY MARKET

Current account - no interest paid. Deposit accounts - Midlands, Barclays, Lloyds, Natwest 6 per cent, seven days notice required for withdrawals. Lloyds extra interest 9 1/2 per cent. Monthly income account Natwest 9 1/2 per cent. Fixed term deposits £2,500-£25,000 - 1, 3 and 6 months 8 1/2 per cent. Rates quoted by Barclays. Other banks may differ.

Table with columns: Fund Name, Rate, Telephone. Lists various investment funds like Asian Home, monthly income, Bank of Scotland, etc.

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Local authority yearling bonds 12-month fixed rate investments, interest 10 1/2 per cent basic rate tax deducted at source (can be reclaimed by non-taxpayers), minimum investment £1,000, purchased through stockbroker or bank.

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Building societies. Ordinary share accounts - 7.25 per cent. Term shares - 1 to 5 years, between 0.5 per cent and 1 per cent over the BSA recommended ordinary share rate depending on the term. Regular savings schemes - 1.25 per cent over BSA recommended ordinary share rate. Rates quoted above are those most commonly offered. Individual building societies may quote different rates. Interest on all accounts paid net of basic rate tax. Not reclaimable by non-taxpayers.

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years, 11 1/2 per cent. Further information seven days notice is required for matron from St. 01 Waterside Road, London SE1 (01-928 7822).

Finance house deposits (FHD). Fixed-term, fixed-rate deposits, interest paid without deductions of tax. Five-Fly scheme: 6 months, 10 1/2 per cent; 1 year, 10 1/2 per cent; 2 years, 10 1/2 per cent.

Foreign currency deposits. Rates quoted by Rothchild's Old Court Int. Reserves 0481 25741. July RPI: 336.5 (The new RPI figure is not announced until the third week of the following month.)

Trust fees at half-price

Mention trusts and the usual reaction from any beneficiary is that the administration charges are too high. Accountants Dearden Farrow have done some interesting research which reveals that their charges (and probably the charges of most other accountants) are less than half those charged by either the banks or the public trustee.

Table titled TRUST CHARGES comparing Bank, Public Trustee, and Dearden Farrow charges for Smaller Trust, Small/medium Trust, and Large Trust.

1) All fees exclusive of VAT. 2) Dearden Farrow fees include partners' time and relate to cases dealt with in its London office.

Advertisement for HFS A SAVINGS PLAN FOR ALMOST EVERYONE. Features a large graphic showing 13.39% NET PA. and 19.13% GROSS. Text describes the Homeowners Friendly Society and its various savings plans.

Large table titled Unit Trust Prices - change on the week. It lists numerous unit trusts with columns for price, change, and other details.

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REVIEW Video cassettes



Laughing around the clock: Richard Pryor, John Cleese, Billy Connolly, and television's favourite comedy duo, Cannon and Ball

Comics who stand up to live audience test

The art of performing comedy in front of a live audience has inevitably declined with the growth of television. The television comic has the much easier life. If he fluffs his lines, there can be a retake. If the studio audience (assuming there is one) is unresponsive, laughter can be added later. All is planned and scripted and little can go wrong.

Even when television stars move into live shows - pantomimes and summer seasons - the audience response comes more from a recognition of well-tried TV routines and catch-phrases than through the humour generated by the comedian. Only a few comics today can transcend their small-screen personas.

Billy Connolly has managed to become famous without the benefit of a television show. His talent is that of the raconteur rather than the comic. His stories meander. He finds diversions. Sometimes there is a punch-line, often the story tails away without a point. He is offensive without being malicious. There is initial shock at his crude vocabulary, laytorial preoccupations and insistence on bad taste. But these are the trappings, not the essence.

At root, Connolly is a storyteller of, and for, the people. His public is national, and becoming international, but he still speaks to it as if it were homely Scottish.

Connolly is a funny as well as witty performer. His humour is original and unexpected, and he has the facility of being able to speak to a huge audience as if he were chatting to a group of friends in a cellar bar. These tapes, recorded at London stage performances, give a good sample of his art.

Richard Pryor, a black American, has much in common with Connolly, a white Scot, not least in the overwhelming response of his audience and the occasional impenetrability of his accent.

Hand-picked by Billy (60 mins) Chrysalis, £29.99

Billy Connolly Bites yer Bum (105 mins) Chrysalis, £39.99

Richard Pryor Live on the Sunset Strip (78 mins) RCA/Columbia, rental only

Mossy Python Live at the Hollywood Bowl (78 mins) Thorn EMI, £26.20

A Night Out in London with Cannon and Ball (60 mins) Home Video Holdings, about £33

Monty Python is essentially television comedy, which does not transfer well to the stage. Many of Python's most successful episodes are filmed out of doors, and the more intimate sketches, created for the close-up coziness of the small screen, become lost in a huge auditorium in front of thousands of spectators.

Their act is highly professional, and they perform with assurance, timing and a mutual confidence that comes only to couples who have struggled together for a long time. But there is little that is subtle, either in content or performance.

Ball is the little vulnerable fella, the fumbling innocent endearingly out of his depth, frustrating his smooth partner's every routine. He is the eternal child, veering from malicious tantrum-throwing aggression to pathetic (and successful) pleading for the audience's sympathy.

It is an unblushingly old-fashioned creation. The frequently second-rate material is redeemed by moments of great inventiveness and zany humour.

Cannon and Ball have inherited Monty Python's wit and wit's long-held title of television's favourite comedy duo. It is not easy to understand the reason for their phenomenal attraction.

Marcel Berlins

Providing holiday animation

If the summer holidays are proving a drag, video could come to the rescue. There is certainly no shortage of tapes for children and the quality is often surprisingly high. What follows is merely a small selection of the more recent issues.

As with videos generally, these children's programmes will mostly be rented, rather than bought, but some of them are priced keenly enough to tempt purchase. After all, children, unlike adults, are quite happy to see the same things over and over again; and a video show can be a popular party item.

For a start, I can recommend a series put out by VCL under the title "Cartoon Carousel". They are animated versions, each lasting around 45 minutes, of such classic stories as Robinson Crusoe, Treasure Island and Journey to the Centre of the Earth. Tastefully and entertainingly done, they retail at around £25.

More animated features have been issued by Videomedia, a company which can claim to have pioneered children's video in Britain. Peter No-Tail is a Disney-ish fantasy about a kitten born without a tail and was made by the Swedish Film Institute. It runs 81 minutes and costs around £37.

The label's other offerings include something called The Incredible, Indelible, Magical, Physical Mystery Trip, an American tape (it was nominated for an Emmy award) which tries to be both entertaining and educational with warnings about looking after teeth and the dangers of smoking (47 minutes, £30). There is also the strictly non-didactic comedy Western, West and Soda (90 minutes, £37).

Ten Walt Disney feature films are being released on the company's video label this autumn. The most popular could be the recent Pinocchio and A Christmas Carol, both dealing with the world of computers and video games.

and the now classic Mary Poppins, which made a star of (and won an Oscar for) Julie Andrews. There are also adventure stories, like The Incredible Journey and Night Crossing and Changeling, with one of the best of David Niven's later performances. None of these films, incidentally, has been screened on television, which strengthens the case for their video issue.

One of the longest video programmes yet produced for children is volume two of the Bumper Fun Video Annual from Kidvid, Volume one was released last December for Christmas and this one is timed for the summer holidays. The material is not specially aimed at eight to ten-year-olds, the tape runs for three hours and follows the format of the printed children's comic with such heroes as Popeye, Bugs Bunny, Superman, Flash Gordon and Laurel and Hardy. And all for around £45.

is a film which had a very limited cinema release. An Enemy of the People, an unlikely combination of Ibsen and Steve McQueen.

Palace Video is issuing Fassbinder's last film, Querelle, almost simultaneously with its British cinema opening, and a new picture, Oni Baba, directed by Kaneto Shindo. Represented in the new Rank releases are three schools of British film comedy: Will Hay in the 1937 Good Morning Boys, Peter Sellers and Terry-Thomas in The Naked Truth and Kenneth Williams and company in Carry On England.

Rank is also putting out a 196 minute film directed by Paul Czinner and first released in 1961, Der Rosenkavalier, a Salzburg Festival production with the Vienna Philharmonic under von Karajan and Elizabeth Schwarzkopf. The slim list of opera tapes is further boosted by Verdi's Ernani, with Plácido Domingo, from Longman Video, and the same company has the first of a planned series of ballet titles, The Sleeping Beauty, by the Kirov.

P.W.

New releases

There is news this month of a video company formed for the admirable purpose of releasing those specialist "art" films that win the critical plaudits and play for a couple of weeks but hardly surface again.

The only drawback to Capstan Video's plans may be finding enough dealers willing to stock the tapes, particularly outside London; but the enterprise is to be applauded. Its first two titles are Pontecorvo's Battle of Algiers, from 1965, and Karoly Mark's study of a lesbian relationship Another Way, which had its cinema release in Britain this year.

If Capstan is dedicated to providing the pick of cinema, another new company, Golden Turkey Video, is hoping to take its mark by putting out films whose very badness is the reason for seeing them. It has acquired the British video rights to 42 titles, claimed to be among the world's worst.

The first four "turkeys", available early in October, are a horror piece, Plan Nine From Outer Space; another from the same director, Edward D. Wood, called Glen or Glenda and starring Wood himself as a transvestite; The Terror of Tiny Town, a Western with an all midget cast; and Horror of Party Beach.

Another Thorn EMI announcement is that it is releasing Sam Peckinpah's trucking picture, Convoy, at a recommended retail price of below £20. The company is trying to discover, thereby whether there is a buyers' market for a rental, market for recent feature films.

In the latest Warner Home Video list is another Peckinpah film, The Killer Elite; the tenth James Bond picture, The Spy Who Loves Me; Ken Russell's fanciful biography of Tchaikovsky, The Music Lover; and James Stewart in The FBI Story. Most intriguing, though,

Collecting

Kitchen treasure's local accent

"I don't imagine there'll be much to concern you in the kitchen," said the owner. "It's a dreadful hotchpotch of tat and technology - except for an old dresser, left to my husband by his Welsh grandmother. Probably not much good, but it had better appear in the inventory, just to satisfy him."

considered most desirable. That doesn't mean that a dresser has to boast all of them to be either genuine or worthwhile, but each adds quite a bit to its value.

"You mean it's worth real money. My feeling for folk culture is increasing by the minute. Please explain."

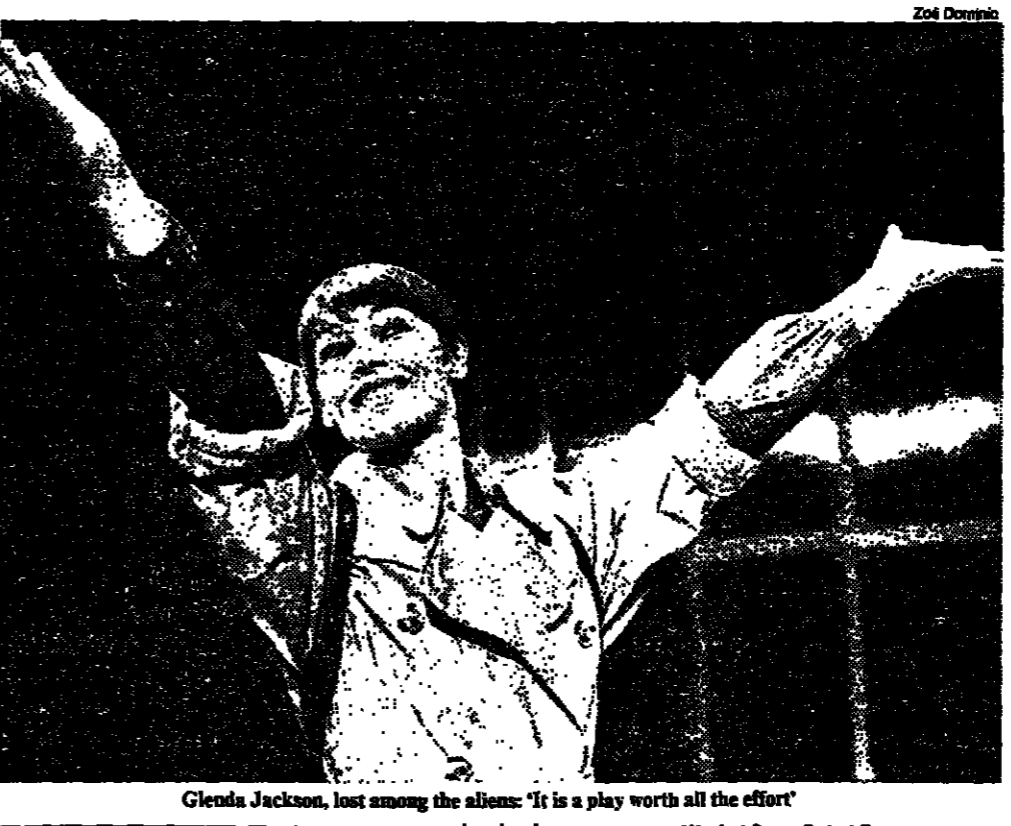
More than a touch of the controversial

Glenda Jackson can usually be relied upon to associate herself with something unexpected, be it the Marat/Sade production in the early 1960s which brought her to prominence or films such as Ken Russell's controversial view of Tchaikovsky. Returning this week to the West End stage, where she was last seen playing Hitler's mistress, Eva Braun, in Robert David Macdonald's Summit Conference, she appears to have made one of her more eccentric choices.

It is an episodic play about a woman's search for her own identity in the midst of an alien environment. The woman, Lotte, played by Glenda Jackson, struggles against a world lacking in morality and human spiritual values until she finds her own identity.

people who said they did not understand the play, and there has been a good deal of work on retranslation in an attempt to make it more accessible to English audiences. It may, indeed, have attracted the wrong kind of audience on tour. In Manchester it appeared between David Essex and a piece about Rupert Bear; many people, also, may know Glenda Jackson better for her comedy film roles, such as in A Touch of Class, than her other work.

Christopher Warman



Glenda Jackson, lost among the aliens: "It is a play worth all the effort"

Critics' choice

AS YOU LIKE IT
Open Air, Regent's Park (486 2431)

Last performances Thurs at 2.30pm and 7.45pm. In repertory with A Midsummer Night's Dream (today at 2.30pm, Fri at 7.45pm) and Bashville (today, Mon and Tues at 8pm; last performance Wed at 7.30pm and 8pm). Season ends Aug 27

Not just a pretty production (Victorian maidens and Thomas Hardy rustic), but a sensitive, intelligent one, that, in its natural woodland setting, makes a magic

summer evening. Louise Jameson's lovely Rosalind holds the high comedy and the pathos in delicate balance, John Curry (Orlando) proves a charming wrestler and David William is a superbly distinguished Jacques.

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The Comedy of Errors. Fri at 7.30pm

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Out of Town

BIRMINGHAM: Midland Arts Centre, Cannon's Hill Park (021 440 4221). During Wind and Rain by Ray Speakman. Preview Fri and Aug 31-Sept 3.

SALISBURY: Playhouse (0722 20339). The Woodpecker by Thomas Hardy, adapted by David Horlock. Opens Thurs at 8pm. Then until Sept 17, Mon-Wed and Fri at 7.15pm (not Aug 29), Thurs at 8pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.15pm

DUBLIN: Abbey Theatre (0071 744505). The Moon in the Yellow River by Denis Johnston. Until Sept 10, Mon-Sat at 8pm

Orchard" and compared with Heartbreak House. Cast includes Ray McAnally, Godfrey Quigley, Desmond Greaves, directed by Tomás MacAnna

Execution of Maximilian and Portrait of Eva Gonzales, are studied in detail, with related sketches and prints and background material, and there is a special section on the theme of Manet and war.

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Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1 (734 3471). Until Aug 28, daily 10am-6pm. Admission £2. Et. Mon: 50p for all

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PREVIEW Films

Conflict between internal gods

Merry Christmas Mr Lawrence, a Japanese-British production directed by Nagisa Oshima...

worked on the script in 1961, he told one interviewer that the film's chief battles would be internal - "a conflict between the gods inside the British soldiers and the gods inside the Japanese soldiers"...

with France, Oshima moved into the international arena. Placed alongside those erotic spectacles, Merry Christmas may seem modest, unprovocative...



Change of rock: David Bowie as the disturbed POW, Major Jack Celliers

Critics' choice

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LE JOUR SE LEVE (15) Academy 3, Oxford Street (437 8819). Jean Gabin as a besieged murderer going through his last hours...

ONE FROM THE HEART (15) Lumiere, St Martin's Lane (836 0891) until Aug 31. Francis Coppola's studio-bound musical fantasy offers scanty human feelings and abundant technological fireworks...

Emperor. Directed by Richard Marquand with Harrison Ford. THE RISE TO POWER OF LOUIS XIV (U) Cinema, Knightsbridge (235 4225) until Aug 24...

FILMS ON TV. "And how," somebody once asked W. C. Fields, "do you like children?" "Boiled," came the nasal drawl from beneath the strawberry nose...

film best remembered, perhaps, for the splitting of Charles Laughton's tailcoat as he conducts a symphony orchestra. Fields launched himself on his screen career in 1915 - in a film called Pool Sharks...

Chess Players made pawns of board politics

The whole chess world is in a state of despair at the failure of the World Chess Federation to get the semi-finals of the Candidates matches played...

Nothing is very clear about the other match which was to have been played in Abu Dhabi between Vassily Smyslov, the former world champion, and Zoltan Ribli, the Hungarian...

FIDE statutes forbid in the strongest terms any indulging in racial animosity or political prejudices and it is obvious that the statutes must be obeyed and their provisions honoured...

What is clear is that the chess world has been deprived of a fascinating match, that between Kasparov and Korchnoi, and possibly of a still more fascinating encounter between Kasparov and Karpov...

In the past, I have been involved in Candidates matches, either as one of the organizers or as one of the judges, and I despair at the utter failure in the present imbroglio of an understanding on the part of the opposing factions...

A mistake; better was 27 Q-B1. And this loss at once. Correct was 29 Q-K1. Harry Golombek



Chess kings: Anatoly Karpov (left) and Garry Kasparov

Concerts

ALL AMERICAN Today, 7.30pm, Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (888 8212). This all-American Prom by the BBC Concert Orchestra almost inevitably begins with Bernstein's Candide Overture...

by Poulenc (Tel jour, tel nuit, Debussy, Ravel and Rodrigo). AX, KIM, MA II Tues, 7.45pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. The omnipresent Emanuel Ax, Young Uk Kim and Yo Yo Ma play respectively Mozart's Piano Concerto K 453...

Chaconne Z. 730. Handel's Concerto Grosso Op 6 No 11, Bach's Concerto for Oboe and Violin, Mozart's Divertimento K 136 and, of course, some Vivaldi. VERKLARTE NACHT Thurs, 7.45pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall. Young Uk Kim, Yo Yo Ma, Nobuko Imai and others play Schoenberg's Verklärte Nacht...

NEW YORK CITY BALLET Covent Garden (240 1086) Aug 22-Sept 3, Mon-Sat at 7.30pm, matinee Wed and Sat at 2pm.

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Tonight and Fri, ENO's award-winning Rigoletto with Jonathan Miller's matinee New York 1950s production retaining more or less the same cast...

BRIDGE Two titles for French, double miss for Dutch. France won both the open and the Women's titles at the recent European Championships in Wiesbaden to join Italy and Great Britain as the only countries ever to have achieved the double.

The leading positions in the open series were 1st, France (361 VPs); 2nd, Italy (309 VPs); 3rd, Norway (293), VPs. Great Britain finished in thirteenth place.

The result in the women's series was 1st, France (148 VPs); 2nd, Netherlands (138 VPs); 3rd, Great Britain (138 VPs).

Great Britain, the current world champions, and odds-on favourites for the championship, lost the silver medal on a split tie. Any small chance that remained was dissipated when the team lost to Sweden by 16 VPs to 4 VPs in the penultimate round.

But if the British are naturally disappointed, it is the Dutch who must be kicking themselves. With two rounds to play and the title apparently in their grasp, they lost 19-1 to Israel, who were lying bottom of the table having amassed only 18 points from nine matches.

Finally the Captain, Bill Pencharz, admirably fulfilled a role that some say requires the tact of a Palace spokesman combined with the courage of a Sicilian judge. But the team may have missed their regular Captain, Derek Rimington, for no better reason than

THE MEANING OF LIFE is here's something right over the top... brilliant. NOW FLAZZA SHAFESBURY AV ABC REHARD DIGNIED ALL OVER LONDON FROM THURSDAY

Rock & Jazz. GIL EVANS Tonight, Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (439 0747). For Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (828 9191). Evans's British musicians - including Henry Lowther, Don Walker, Chris Hunter and John Taylor - should by now have become attuned to the requirements of his flexible band-leading techniques...

Commonwealth Institute and the Greater London Council, this patriotic festival continues tonight with the renowned Welsh rock group Man and the comedian Wild Willy Barrett, on Monday with Gaspar Lawal's African drummers and orchestra Jazzca, on Tuesday with the Scottish reggae band Misty In Roots, and on Friday with Odeise, the very first Afro-rock band outside their native continent.

KID CROLE Wed and Thurs, St Austell Coliseum. ...and, of course, the Coconut, with a new version of the show enjoyed by so many on their last visit. How strong, though, is their commercial currency? Is it time for the inevitable backslash? Have the Coconuts pitched up their quest with Coast Guard? Will the act have been edited to a reasonable length? What is August Darnell's idea of a stylish summer wardrobe? For the answers to these and other questions, catch the Kid and his troupe during the course of this lengthy tour, which culminates in a full week at Hammersmith.

PREVIEW Edinburgh Festival 1983

Plain elegance and pediments with a redolent past

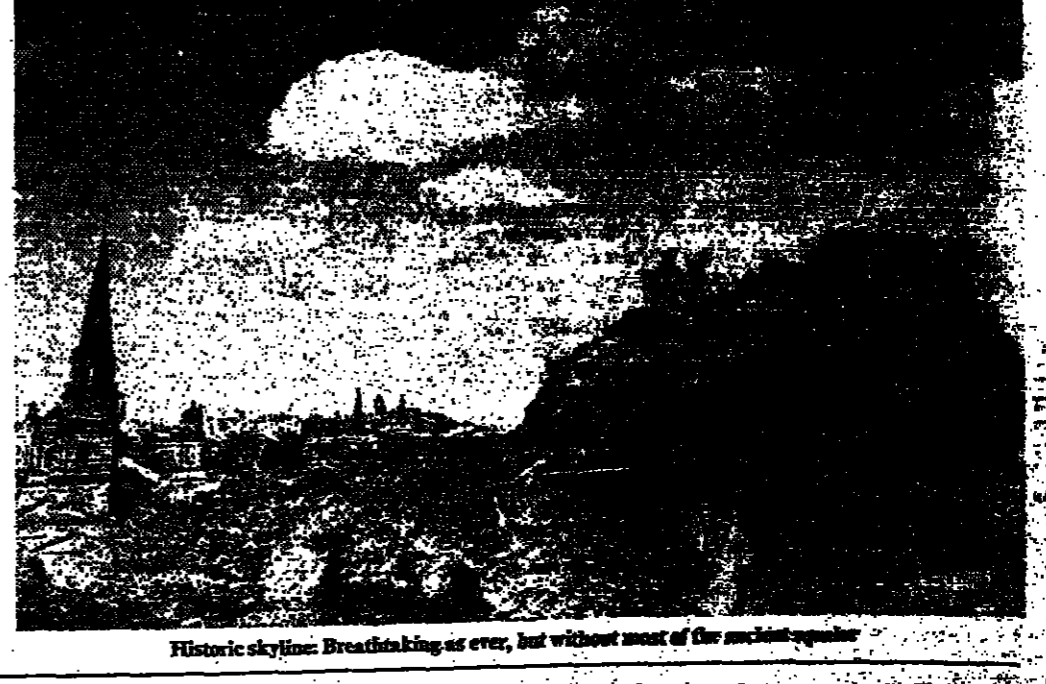
During August, Edinburgh swells with the arrival of more than a million visitors. They tread the paths of many illustrious predecessors...

In 1847, Hans Christian Andersen's concern was less with smells than with squalor; for with the arrival of the New Town, all the quality had removed northwards...

An architectural guide to the city
Morran's House in Riddle's Close. "Mr Johnson sends his compliments to Mr Boswell..."

monotony of the New Town. Thus dispensing with the phallic, elegant Georgian facades, he then dismissed the magnificent collection of floridly pedimented neo-classical banks in George Street...

by Robert Adam in 1791. His influence was such that the plain Scottish Georgian buildings of neighbouring streets - particularly North Castle Street - were required, if they were to remain fashionable, to follow suit...



Historic skyline: Breathtaking as ever, but without most of the medieval grandeur

THEATRE

The Festival's Vienna 1900 theme seems much more fruitful on the visual arts and music sides than in theatre, but in fact it has induced major theatre companies to come up with interesting rarities that promise ideal festival fare...

and ego trips and cabarets galore. The original eighteenth-century Assembly Rooms, containing four auditoria, are, like last year, giving what amounts to a mini-festival in itself...

the old boy to blacken Richard III, Salome Cabaret ("the adaptation and striptease") or the English Touring Company's morning show of Rolf Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory...

Outside the retrospectives, perhaps the principal oddity is Samuel Fuller's White Dog (Thurs), an extraordinary drama drawn from Romain Gary's novel about a dog trained to attack blacks...

Robin Phillips, President of the Royal Scottish Academy (until Sept 14). The Scottish National Gallery continues throughout the festival to celebrate an earlier generation of Scottish artists...

Max Harrison

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CONCERTS

What with the Vienna 1900 exhibition, a ballet version of Kokoschka with music by Schoenberg, and Zemlinsky opera...

FILMS

While visitors to the world's film festival complain about bristled elbows, kicked shins and masterworks projected on to curtains...

A. M.

Thus the thirty-seventh edition of the Edinburgh International Film Festival (today until Sept 4) presents a large clutch of titles shortly due for commercial release...

GALLERIES

For once, the visual arts are right at the centre of the festival: this year the Vienna 1900 show in the new galleries at the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland...

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ROCK & JAZZ

Tenor saxophonists are the heavyweights of jazz, and none makes a heavier punch than George Coleman, an American post-bop improviser who grew up in Memphis with Booker Little...

DANCE

In the official programme, dance is confined to weeks two and three. This year's Tennent Caledonian Award commission is "Mörder Hoffnung der Frauen"...

PHOTOGRAPHY

The first retrospective in this country of American and figure Robert Mapplethorpe can be seen at the Saffa Gallery, 105 High Street until Sept 17...

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Investment and Finance

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index 735.7 down 3.2 FT Gilt 79.51 down 0.12 FT All Shares 463.82 down 1.92

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE Sterling 1.5188 down 55pts Index 85.7 up 0.2 DM 4.0350 up 0.02

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates: Bank base rates 9 1/2 Finance houses base rate 10

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce): am \$418.10 pm \$417.75

NOTEBOOK

After Anderson Strathclyde and Victor Products has produced the trading equipment sector's sparkling ups...

Call for central register of directors' contracts Angry pension funds seek changes to help limit golden handshakes

Big pension funds want a central register of directors' service contracts to be established by the National Association of Pension Funds to help stamp out hefty compensation payments.

Mount Charlotte in £21.5m expansion

Mount Charlotte Investments, the fast-growing hotels and catering group based in Leeds, is to buy two London hotels from Grand Metropolitan for £21.5m.

A finger in every City pie

Mr Michael Ashcroft one of the City's fastest-moving businessmen, now owns at least one share in every company quoted on the London Stock Exchange.

Surprise spurt in US recovery

The American economy is growing even faster than previously thought, according to revised figures published yesterday.

Banks 'spent \$3bn to restrain dollar'

Central banks have spent more than \$3,000m in intervening in currency markets to hold back the United States dollar, Karl Otto Poehl, president of the German Bundesbank, said in an interview.

Dow lifts after early dip

New York (AP-DJ) - Stocks edged ahead with the Dow Jones industrial average up more than a point after a dip of three in early trading.

City Editor's Comment Figuring out the numbers puzzle

The latest crop of economic figures is distinctly puzzling. If the mood in industry and in the country was different, they might indeed breed gloom and talk of the recovery petering out.

TI sells steel tube offshoots for £3m

The TI Group has taken a further step in reducing its interest in steel and commodity tube by selling its steel tube stockholding subsidiaries.

Waring & Gillow £300,000 in red

Waring & Gillow, the furniture and carpet retailer, which announced three months ago it had received a bid approach, slumped into the red last year.

Raper to fight Takeover Panel ruling

The City Takeover Panel is heading for another confrontation with the financier, Mr Jim Raper, after ruling that his Saint Piran property company is obliged, under the takeover code, to make a £9.7m bid for Westminster Property Group.

Lonrho to sue Fraser

Lonrho has started legal action against the House of Fraser group in an attempt to get the proxy cards and voting papers cast on whether Harrods should become a separate company.

Western oil stocks 12% below winter level Opec may step up output

Oil ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) have brought forward the date of their next meeting on production quotas against the background of reports that the western industrial world's oil stocks are up to 12 per cent below expected winter demand.

Imf calls off Caracas talks

Caracas (Reuters) - The leader of an International Monetary Fund (IMF) mission to Venezuela has postponed talks on an economic programme for Venezuela.

MERCURY MONEY MARKET TRUST LIMITED OFFER FOR SUBSCRIPTION OF PARTICIPATING SHARES Shareholders of Mercury Money Market Trust Limited have approved resolutions enabling the Company to issue different classes of shares...

Letter

Defending safeguards for the investor

From Mr A. V. Alexander

Sir, Your editorial of August 13 suggests that the "important safeguards" provided by the Insurance Brokers Registration Act...

Regrettably, under the present legislation it remains the case today that anyone may legally perform all the functions of an insurance intermediary...

They are also required to satisfy the following criteria namely that they meet the qualifications laid down in the Act...

I suggest that these are, indeed, important safeguards, especially when compared with the situation which existed prior to the Registration Act...

Furthermore, the Registration Council, which I must point out is the disciplinary body for insurance brokers...

The Signal Life case is currently sub judice and it may well be that policyholders will obtain their redress through the courts...

A. V. ALEXANDER, Chairman, British Insurance Brokers' Association, Fountain House, 130 Fenchurch Street, EC3

New roll-up fund

Yet another currency roll-up fund is available - this time from Manufacturers Hanover Group, whose Geofund International Reserves offers investments in sterling, the Deutschmark, yen, Swiss francs and US dollars.

There is also a managed fund for those who prefer not to make their own currency decisions.

Investors earn money-market rates of interest on their investments. Because interest is rolled-up and not distributed, the "profit" is taxed as a capital gain rather than income.

It is also possible to switch between currencies quickly and usually without charge.

The annual management charge on the new Geofund is 0.75 per cent and there is no front-end charge. The fee on the managed fund is 1.5 per cent a year.

Help for travellers

From this week, members of Nationwide Building Society have been able to buy their travellers' cheques and foreign currency over the counter in 515 Nationwide branches.

In a link-up with Thomas Cook, Nationwide is offering sterling travellers' cheques on demand, with the US dollar, Deutschmark, French franc and Canadian dollar travellers' cheques obtainable on two to three days' notice.

But this new service will not save the customer any money. Unlike Leeds Permanent and several other societies which offer commission-free sterling travellers' cheques, Nationwide is charging the full 1 per cent commission - the same as the banks.

Student cover

Cover for students' belongings, for as little as £10 for £1,000-worth of goods, is available from West Midlands-based Brookhouse Insurance Brokers. Brookhouse points out that the premium is not higher for students in London, Liverpool or Manchester - as it is with some other policies - and the £10 "excess" is not increased for high-risk areas.

Mortgages guaranteed

Good news for house-buyers in the Manchester area - because of the huge growth in funds between January and June, the Middleton Building Society is still guaranteeing mortgages despite the general shortage of mortgage money.

Bonus rates raised

Scottish Amicable Life Assurance is increasing its terminal bonus rates for all individual with-profits policies for

claims on maturity or death. From September 1, the following percentage additions will apply:

Term	Percentage	Previously
10 years	35.0%	30.0%
15 years	44.5%	38.5%
25 years	63.5%	55.5%

The above rates also apply to the Home Purchaser policy and for Flexipension or individual superannuation policies, the terminal bonus addition is 57% (previously 50%) of reversionary bonuses payable at maturity.

Making a million

"Making a million dollars is the simplest thing in the world," according to Mr Jarry Gillies, the American author of the bestselling book Moneylove. And he should know, since he has made that twice over with "Moneylove" seminars where he propounds his "prosperity consciousness" philosophy for a fee of £125.

Three things are required to become wealthy, according to Mr Gillies - a clear vision of what you want, a belief that you will get it and practical skills to put that belief into action. "Everyone should enjoy getting rich," he says.



Work are two further titles in this somewhat depressing series. The titles, numbered 1941, 43 and 42 respectively, are available free of charge from PAYE enquiry offices or local tax offices.

No cheques returned

Williams & Glyn's Bank has upset at least one of its customers who rang us to complain of the deterioration in service. From October 1, customers will no longer have their cheques returned to them.

"Our market research shows that the great majority of customers do not require it," explained the general manager, Mr Christopher Ruck. "It costs us a lot to provide a service which customers really don't appreciate."

'Home Extra' policy

Pointon York, the London and Leicester-based insurance group, has developed a new, all-risks "Home-Extra" contents policy. It does not cover claims under £50, unless caused by fire, but pays out on all others in full. Property in the house is covered up to the sum insured. Away from home but in the British Isles, goods are covered for up to £2,500, or up to £500 for each individual item. The same applies abroad for up to 60 days in any one period. Sports equipment, bicycles

and jewellery are fully covered and claims are settled on a new-for-old basis, except for clothing and household items. Money and credit cards are insured for up to £500 of currency loss and £500 for each cash or credit card misused. Cover costs £4.00 per £1,000 insured in the lowest rate area and £9.00 per £1,000 in London. There is an additional flat policy charge of £3.50.

Divers premium cut

Professional divers can look forward to a substantial reduction in life assurance premiums, according to SwissRe, the insurance firm which has conducted a study of diving hazards.

Annual premium as much as £200 lower on a £50,000 life policy for a professional diver in the North Sea is a typical example. The average amateur or sports diver will usually get life assurance at normal rates and will only be charged more than the average for accidental death benefit and disability cover, says SwissRe.

In 1976 professional divers had the highest death rate of all industrial occupations - 7 per cent compared with 0.247 per cent for the next highest miners.

"The reasons for the improvement, says SwissRe, are greater experience, the change in the type of work from drilling and pipeline to maintenance, the tougher health and safety regulations and increased medical knowledge and facilities."

Tax-free investment Pensions boost for business expansion

The Government's new business expansion scheme has given an interesting stimulus to company directors and the self-employed who run their own self-administered pension funds.



John Bevan (Left) and Mike Reynolds: Advising clients to increase their salaries

Messrs John Bevan and Mike Reynolds of James Hay Pension Trustees formed the idea of channelling funds raised by companies from the business expansion scheme, through higher salaries from the directors into the self-administered pension fund. The fund can then invest in the company, or in other small businesses.

They found themselves acting as brokers between their clients who were seeking funds under the business expansion scheme and others who were looking to invest.

Generally, they advise clients to increase their salary and invest 50 per cent of the increase in the pension scheme (which can then re-invest either in their own company or in other companies) and 50 per cent direct into other companies. Both types of investment attract tax relief at the investor's top rate.

The result has been a large number of enquiries from clients for projects to invest in. "Interestingly, we have found that because our clients are self-made men they are prepared to accept greater risks than established institutions," says Mr John Bevan.

The first such scheme they are putting together involves a City restaurant owner who wishes to start a chain of specialised fish restaurants. These will include the old-fashioned fish and chip counter, extend onto a formal fish restaurant, then onto a champagne and oyster bar.

The owner found that the bank was not interested because there were insufficient assets to back-up the borrowing requirement. Venture capital outfits wanted the man to put everything he owned on the line, including house, car and business, and on top of that wanted a third of the equity and 51 per cent of the voting rights.

"The main problem," Mr Reynolds said, "was that his record was good on ideas and instigation, but his money management was abysmal."

So the trustees have worked out a system to maintain a strict control over the financial reins and let the young entrepreneur get on with what he is good at. "That way," Mr Reynolds added, "he is doing what he does best and we remove the temptation of putting very large amounts of money in the hands of someone not used to dealing with it. We protect our client's money and control the rate of growth to match cash with turnover."

There are a number of benefits to running one's own pension scheme. The fund can lean 50 per cent of its capital back to the company, can buy spare or outstanding shares, can invest in property the company uses such as offices and factories or just invest in property, stocks or bonds.

"Fundamentally," Mr Bevan said, "a self-administered fund enables the businessman to maintain control over his own money."

Wayne Lintott

Insurance Off-the-road premiums to go up

After holding the cost of premiums for two years, St Christopher Motorists' Security Association is increasing them from September 1.

Three Star plan has increased from £48 to £64, with a maximum benefit of £3,000. Four Star plan goes up from £64 to £75, with a maximum benefit of £4,200, and Five Star plan rises from £125 to £175, with a maximum benefit of £8,500.

St Christopher's managing director, Mr Martin O'Neill, said: "There are two reasons for these increases: one is the rise in costs over the last two years and, secondly we operate SCMSA along prudent insurance lines and we believe the 1981 Transport Act, which introduced the penalty points system to replace the old, ineffective totting-up system, will result in more claims from members."



Ready for takeoff: Chailey Lambert with the silver models that put him in business

Start-up schemes Silversmith's model idea

Making silver models was the hobby of Mr Chailey Lambert, aged 20, but from now on it will be his full-time job. He is one of 20 winners in the "Head Start in Business" competition run by the Industrial Society in conjunction with the Abbey National Building Society.

Contentants in the 16-to-21 age group were invited to put forward ideas for setting up and running their own business. Winning entries include such diverse activities as a marine aquarium company, Caribbean catering, garden gnome manufacturing, snooker cue making, printing, cake making and painting and decorating.

Mr Lambert is a graduate of the St John's Case College where he studied gold and silversmithing. "I was unemployed for about seven months and tried to get a place on the Government Enterprise Allowance scheme, but unless you have £1,000 to invest in the business they don't want to know. How many people who have been unemployed for 13 weeks will have £1,000?" He has now been offered a bench in Hutton Garden and believes he is well on the way to running a profitable business.

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Handwritten Arabic text at the bottom of the page: 'مكتبة الأصيل'

FAMILY MONEY

Saving Getting a higher return

Regular savers seeking a safe home for their money plus a high rate of return should be looking at building society subscription shares...

Many of the smaller building societies traditionally offer an extra half per cent or more to investors above the recommended Building Societies Association ordinary share rate...

Many of the "extra interest" accounts on offer from building societies require a substantial lump sum investment from the outset...

There can, however, be snag, and you should look carefully at the details of the regular savings plans before you commit yourself...

yourself to that level for the rest of the term; and the term is three years with no withdrawals allowed...

Tellingly, the Leamington Spa Building Society took its subscription share accounts off the market this week...

RETURN ON A £10 A-MONTH INVESTMENT IN A BUILDING SOCIETY/INSURANCE SCHEME

Table with columns: Meriden Building Society, Cash Value, Net Yield per 4 years and 1 day, 7 years, 10 years.

Retirement

Changes in pension rules make it easier for women to claim benefits

Nothing is more annoying for a married woman than to reach retiring age only to be told that she cannot get a pension until her husband retires too...

As men retire at 65 and women at 60, there is not a problem for a woman five or more years younger than her husband...

Be that as it may, this is the penalty many have to put up with for not having worked, or for having chosen to pay the married woman's special low rate of national insurance contributions in years past...

However, things are changing. Most women can no longer choose to pay the lower stamp. Those who could, but have been away from work for more than two tax years, find that they now have to pay the full amount if they go back to work...

The reason for this is that where national insurance is paid for only a few years, a smaller than normal pension can be had in return...

stance, who paid just 10 years of contributions would get a pension of around 25 to 30 per cent of the full amount - £8 to £10 a week compared with the full £32.50.

It is not, therefore, too difficult for a woman who works for a number of years before her marriage then returns to work five years, say, before reaching 60, to accumulate the necessary national insurance payments for a pension of her own.

In addition, a woman who returns to work now starts to

A woman keeps any earnings-related pension of her own

build up some entitlement to an extra earnings-related pension, provided she is not in an approved company pension scheme.

What, then, will she get on retirement at 60? The main advantage is that she will not have to wait until her husband retires at 60 in order to get a pension. Because she has paid her own contributions she will get her own pension, even if this is a lower amount. On top of this will be the earnings-related slice, and also any graduated pension which she may have amassed between 1961 and 1975.

But the bonus is that when her husband eventually does

retire, she will be able to exchange her own pension for one from her husband's contribution payments, if it will be higher than her own pension. The married woman's pension paid in this way is currently £19.70 a week.

This all means that a woman who is the same age as her husband, can have five years' pension of her own. A woman who is older than her husband will, of course, have more. This can be worth quite a lot of money. A 30 per cent pension comes to about £10 a week at present. That is £520 a year, or more than £2,500 over five years, not counting annual increases.

When a woman does swap her own pension for one from her husband, she keeps any earnings-related and graduated pension of her own, and adds this on top.

So, if you are within a few years of retirement and contemplating going back to work, it is worth bearing in mind that a couple of years in a job could make the difference between getting a pension and not getting one.

It may be worth checking how you stand as regards contributions with the DHSS. If you have worked in the past, you might be surprised to find that you are already in line for at least the minimum 25 per cent pension rate.

Ian McDonald

Insurance funds

Investing on the rebound for better interest

To turn an investment of £10,000 a year into £153,000 in 11 years, you may think, would require incredible luck, or considerable investment skills.

Not so, if you use one of the oldest investment schemes in the book - investing each year in the worst performing unit trust or fund.

Past performance is no guarantee of the future, but the scheme does seem to work. Investment adviser, Mr Charles Fry recommends that clients use insurance company funds rather than unit trusts, as switching between the funds is cheaper than buying and selling unit trusts, and there is no danger of incurring a capital gains tax liability.

Utilized insurance company funds are also more tax efficient for those who pay higher rate tax, but want to take income from the investment. With the regular investment scheme you also get tax relief on the premiums, which again enhances the investment performance.

The figures in the tables are based on a one-off £10,000 investment in M & G flexible investment bonds which offer 16 funds to choose from and have a reliable track record on performance. Perhaps the most surprising aspect of the scheme is how badly you would have fared had you invested in the best performing funds.

You would have needed some nerve to persevere with the scheme from 1972 to 1974 when the stock market crashed, but since then, investing in the worst performing fund has produced steady and sometimes spectacular gains.

M & G FLEXIBLE INVESTMENT BONDS: WORST PERFORMANCE

An investment of £10,000 made on January 1, 1972, and switched on each ensuing January 1, into the worst performing M & G Bond Fund of the previous year.

Table with columns: Year, Fund, Amount invested at beginning of year, Value at end of year, Loss/Switching fee, Amount to be invested.

M & G FLEXIBLE INVESTMENT BONDS: BEST PERFORMANCE

An investment of £10,000 made on January 1, 1972, and switched on each ensuing January 1, into the best performing M & G Bond Fund of the previous year.

Table with columns: Year, Fund, Amount invested at beginning of year, Value at end of year, Loss/Switching fee, Amount to be invested.

Mr Fry introduces an element of sophistication into the scheme by actively choosing the next year's fund rather than going straight into the worst performer. "There may come a time when a world economic crisis would make it sensible to run for cover by switching the whole investment into the cash fund," he says. He also believes that investors should have the scheme managed. Otherwise they are liable to lose their nerve.

AVERAGE Return:

66.62% in one year.

In our August 1982 Investment Action Report, we drew our clients' attention to just FOUR recommended unit trusts. According to Planned Savings Statistics (August 1983), these were the performances of our recommended trusts:

Table with columns: Trust Name, Value of a £5,000 investment.

It's worth noting that these trusts were ALL available at an exclusive 1% discount.

To judge how good these figures are, look at the returns in a building society over the same period. A £5,000 investment would have produced £353 for a basic rate taxpayer and even less for a higher rate taxpayer.

If you'd like to know what the Investment Action Report is recommending now, send for your free copy without delay.

N.B. It should be remembered that unit values can fall as well as rise. While past performance cannot necessarily be taken as a guide to the future, the skills of the management groups involved are clearly well above average.

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Form with fields for Name, Address, Country, Tel. No., Present Income, Date of Birth, Tax Rate, Lump sum available for investment, Amount available for regular savings, and a checkbox for "Please tick box if you are already a client of Julian Gibbs Associates".

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Building Society News Are you married and over 50 years old?

Now there is a Building Society savings account exclusively for you, which can improve the return on your investment by as much as 36%

In the last two years interest rates have fallen steadily and this has been bad news for investors. Despite the small increase from July 1st, your interest would still have to leap by a further 34% to recover to levels paid on normal accounts just 17 months ago. The new Leicestercard 50 Plus Account from the Leicester Building Society offers a

highly attractive way of reversing this trend. Compare the rates with the return from your present building society savings account. Then answer this question - why settle for lower interest rates when a switch to the Leicester will give your savings an immediate boost?

NET 10% INCOME OPTION

For the first 4 years you have the option to take an income of 10% p.a. free of tax from your building society account* (if you are a basic rate taxpayer). This is equivalent to 14.28% gross.

*On the balance of your investment, after £100 has been used to open a Leicester Share Account (currently yielding 7.25%). The high rates shown above are achieved by making full use of income tax concessions currently available to individuals and to building societies. Rates will vary as the general level of interest rates rises or falls, or if tax rates change. If interest rates fall, it will still be possible to take a 10% income per annum, but they will obviously be a reduction in your invested capital. The account is not designed for short-term savers - full details of investment terms will be sent to you.

HOW TO APPLY

You may open an Account for as little as £2,000 or as much as £10,000; the choice is yours. But remember, the Leicestercard 50 Plus Account is offered to married couples only on a limited subscription series. You should send for details now.

Simply post the coupon below, or call in at your local Leicester Building Society branch for full details of how you can automatically boost your current building society returns without risk.



PLEASE The Leicestercard 50 Plus Account is available to all married savers over 50, not just existing Leicester Building Society customers.

I am married and over 50. PLEASE RUSH ME DETAILS OF HOW I CAN BOOST MY CURRENT BUILDING SOCIETY RETURNS WITHOUT RISK.

EITHER I would like to take an annual income from my investment OR I would prefer my interest to accumulate in my account (special capital growth terms available)

To: Leicestercard 50 Plus Account Division M & P Financial Services Limited, Freeport, BN1 1ZY Tel: Brighton (0273) 725392/3 or London (01) 935 0188/7917

NAME ADDRESS TEL. NO.

NO STAMP IS REQUIRED

Investment Conclusion: Whether you want to invest regularly from income or invest a lump sum, it is difficult to find any other scheme that can offer both the same security as a Building Society Linked Plan and the same return. WHAT INVESTMENT January 1983

Hill Samuel International Currency Fund Limited



A Company registered with limited liability in Jersey under the Companies (Jersey) Law, 1961 to 1968. The Shares of each class of the Company have been admitted to The Stock Exchange Official List. This advertisement is issued by Hill Samuel & Co. Limited.

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FAMILY MONEY

School fees

Save the agony by saving with a flexible scheme

With only days left before the start of a new term, the annual agonizing over school fees and how to pay them begins.

A lot of mystery surrounds school-fee schemes but anyone seeking advice should remember that they all basically utilize existing insurance plans, the proceeds of which can be used for a number of purposes - not just the provision of school fees.

The parents' objective should be to build up a fund which can be used for several purposes. You may find that you change your mind about independent education, so it is important to make sure that any scheme has sufficient flexibility. The priority should be the maximum capital appreciation of savings.



The initial years of a savings programme should cover current-day school fees from the age of 11 to 18 years for a child, allowing for inflation at 7 per cent (compound) from today.

and compare their recommendations. In recent years people have become more aware of the tax benefits available if a grandparent, friend or relative cov...

FAMILY MONEY MARKET

Current account - no interest paid. Deposit accounts - Barclays, Natwest 6 per cent, seven days notice required for withdrawals. Lloyds extra interest 9 1/2 per cent. Monthly income account Natwest 9 1/2 per cent. Fixed term deposits £2,500-£25,000 - 1, 3 and 6 months 8 1/2 per cent. Rates quoted by Barclays. Other banks may differ.

Table with columns: Fund Name, Rate, Telephone. Lists various investment funds like National Savings Bank, National Savings Income Bond, etc.

Local authority yearling bonds 12-month fixed rate investments, interest 10 1/2 per cent basic rate tax deducted at source (can be reclaimed by non-taxpayers), minimum investment £1,000, purchased through stockbroker or bank.

Trust fees at half-price. Mention trusts and the usual reaction from any beneficiary is that the administration charges are too high. Accountants Dearden Farrow have done some interesting research which reveals that their charges (and probably the charges of most other accountants) are less than half those charged by either the banks or the public trustee.

receive a 24 per cent supplement between October 1982 and October 1983 a 4 per cent bonus if held full five years to maturity. Cash value of £100 Retirement Issue certificates purchased in August 1975, £173.78 including 4 per cent bonus.

Guaranteed Income Bonds Return paid net of basic rate tax, higher rate taxpayers may have a further liability on maturity schemes 2 & 3 years Canterbury Life 8.5 per cent min investment £1,000, 4 years General portfolio 9-11.5 per cent, min investment £1,000, 5 years Sentry 10 per cent, min investment £1,500.

Building societies Ordinary share accounts - 7.25 per cent. Term shares - 1 to 5 years, between 0.5 per cent and 1 per cent over the BSA recommended ordinary share rate depending on the term. Regular savings schemes - 1.25 per cent over BSA recommended ordinary share rate. Rates quoted above are those most commonly offered. Individual building societies may quote different rates. Interest on all accounts paid net of basic rate tax. Not reclaimable by non-taxpayers.

Investors in industry Fixed term, fixed rate investments of between 3 and 10 years, interest paid half yearly by bank. Term of tax 3-4 years, 11 per cent; 5 years, 11 1/2 per cent; 6-10 years, 11 1/2 per cent. Further information required for details from St. 01 Waterloo Road, London SE1 0JZ 7822.

Advertisement for HFS (Homeowners Friendly Society) with large text '13.39% NET PA. 19.13% GROSS' and details of savings plans.

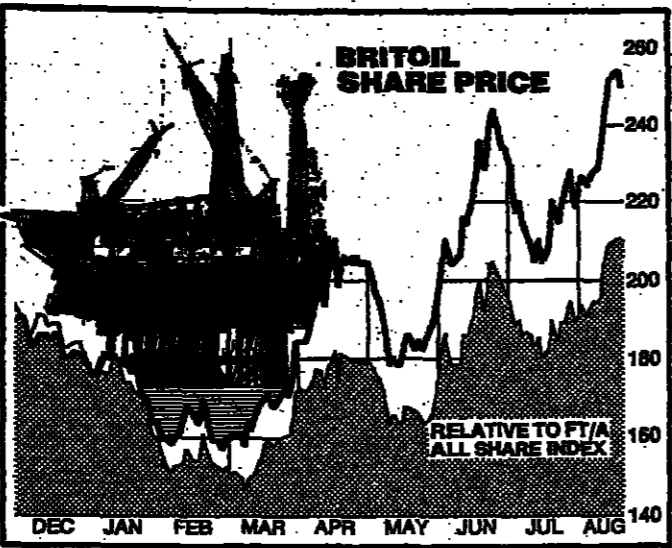
1) All fees exclusive of VAT. 2) Dearden Farrow fees include partners' time and relate to cases dealt with in its London office.

Large financial table with multiple columns: Unit Trust Prices - change on the week, Money Funds, Insurance Bonds and Funds, etc. Includes various fund names and their performance metrics.

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Britoil in the shadow of BP

The possible sale of Britoil shares by the Government has been somewhat eclipsed by the prospect of a further tranche of state-owned shares in BP coming on the market.



Losses were £1.78m, against £715,000 last time, on a turnover down slightly to £63.8m. Interest charges were up from £1.74m to £2.2m.

The dividend was held at a nominal 0.1p, and shareholders should not be optimistic about what this year has in store.

The Government will have to convince the investor that the present price of about 250p is likely to continue its slow climb from the placing of 215p.

that the privatization policies which led to its setting-up are having a direct and adverse effect on its success.

Rockware Group

Rockware Group Half-year to 28.6.83 Pretax loss £8.5m (loss £484,000) Stated loss 38.58p (loss 2.81p) Turnover £91.8m (£80.2m) Net dividend nil Share price 25p down 4p

shares and the 16 shareholders will scale their entitlement down pro rata. Rockware and its advisers are also adamant that the big shareholders receive no privileged information before agreeing to take their shares.

It is still too early to be sure that Rockware is back on even keel. On the latest figures only the turnover shows an improvement, with engineering holding its losses.

The upturn stems from greater manufacturing efficiency, partly the result of redundancies, and an orderbook fattened by stronger demand for high quality specialist rotating machines and defence equipment.

BP will produce interim figures on September 1. The profits should point to a full-year result of about £700m earned in 1983. After the Shell results it is likely that this forecast may well be low, and although an interim dividend of 6.25p may be paid as forecast, the final dividend could be much higher.

There was champagne all round at Rockware Group yesterday, the outgoing chairman and chief executive, Mr Jim Craigie, was celebrating his birthday and Rockware had just raised £9.6m to ease its precarious financial position.

Mining Supplies

Mining Supplies Year to 30.6.83 Pretax loss £1.78m (£715,000) Stated loss 6.8p (1.9p) Turnover £93.5m (£84.2m) Net final dividend 0.1p Share price 38p Yield 0.4% Dividend payable 4.10.83

There is a chance that gold mines will come back into favour. A stagnant gold price and the feeling that the shortage of scrap in South Africa had pushed quality issues up to rather price levels are giving way to the possibility that bullion will gain in the last quarter of the year.

Japan's banks close on Saturday at last

Tokyo (AP-Dow Jones) - Japan's banks have taken more than a decade to agree to close one Saturday a month.

law went into effect. It gave the highly regulated banks permission, among other things, to set their own working hours.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Table listing company news in brief, including W. G. Allen and Sons (Tipton), Lelastron International, Benford Concrete Machinery, Wholesale Fittings, Dome Canada, Saxon Oil, and Scusa.

COMMODITIES

Table listing commodity prices for various items like copper, tin, lead, zinc, aluminium, and sugar.

WALL STREET

Table listing Wall Street market data including various stock indices and company prices.

EQUESTRIANISM



Swiss go first after the dressage

From Jenny MacArthur Frauentfeld, Switzerland Hansuli Schmutz from Switzerland, the defending individual gold medal winner, rode a superb test in yesterday's dressage phase of the European three-day event championship riding Oran and much to the delight of the enthusiastic home crowd.

His score of 29.80 was a tremendous boost to the Swiss team score and they are now lying in first place, followed by the German. The British, who are equal third with the Poles, will have to do well in today's speed and endurance phase if they are to retain their European title.

Virginia Holgate, the last of the British to perform their dressage, rode a good, active test on British National Insurance's Night Cap, and her mark of 40.40 seemed harsh.

Two fences which are causing some concern to the riders are the coffin, which has a big, starting ditch between the two fences and the Banker. The latter, near the end of the course, has to be banked. The worry is that some horses, if going fast, may try and fly it, which would be disastrous because of the steep drop the other side.

ATHLETICS

Third and fourth would spell success for Britain

Steve Cram's victory in the 1,500 metres, the blue ribbon event of the world championships in Helsinki, has made him the big man on the athletics scene. But his contribution to the British team's effort in this weekend's European Cup at Crystal Palace will be strictly on a par with that of his colleagues.

One Bennett out, another in

Todd Bennett will run in the 4 x 400 metres relay for Britain after all. He had withdrawn after being overlooked for the individual 400 metres but when Ashley Bennett dropped out, the biggest cheers will be reserved for Cram and he deserves them all before setting off on the tail-end of the "participation money" circuit in order to capitalize on his gold medal.

Steve Harris is doubtful for the 5,000 metres tomorrow. He has been having hip trouble, which requires twice daily treatment. Eamonn Martin has been told to stand by as a replacement.

Willi Wulbeck's victory in Helsinki was his first big success since winning the European Cup 800 metres in 1977 after a well publicized elbow into Sebastian Coe's ribs. Wulbeck has won his national 800 metres title an astonishing 10 times in succession but even his selectors had so little confidence in his potential in Helsinki that they had already informed that Hans-Peter Ferner would be doing the 800.

Wulbeck was quickly substituted but even he will find it hard to live with the courage of the front-running Peter Elliott for two weeks in a row.

Keith Connor will be anxious to repair some of the damage of failing to qualify for the Helsinki triple jump final and Wendy Shi, Shirley Strong and Beverly Kinch should underline their breakthrough into the highest class in their events.

MENT: Britain, East Germany, France, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Soviet Union, West Germany. WOMEN: Britain, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, Soviet Union, West Germany.



Crystal Palace timetable

Table showing the timetable for the Crystal Palace athletics event, listing events for today and tomorrow.

RUGBY LEAGUE

The entertainment revolution goes into action

The curtain goes up this weekend on what may be the most exciting and revolutionary season since the breakaway years at the turn of the century. A host of new international laws come into force, designed to speed up the game and eliminate attack, fluff and movement.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

Table listing weekend fixtures for various rugby league teams and divisions.

CRICKET

Whitehaven will have their right to first division status severely questioned by Wigan and Bradford Northern.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Queensland, the Australian state champions, and the New Zealand Maoris will be making short tours, and the 1983-84 season will come to a climax with the summer tour to Australia.

RACING: BRITISH COLT FAVOURED FOR IMPORTANT FRENCH PRIZE

Harwood should mount Sandown show of strength

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent
The Solario Stakes is the showpiece of today's Sandown Park programme, the twenty-fifth annual event organized there by the Variety Club of Great Britain in aid of various children's charities.

Defecting Dancer to star in Morny

From Desmond Statham, Dearville
Defecting Dancer may be something to make up in the form book on the French filly Masarika, in the Prix Morny tomorrow, but the colt who has made her name is Yves Saint-Martin.

Piggott can pounce with Cree Song

By Michael Seely
Lester Piggott, 48 years old and going stronger than ever, can further cement his successful week in the north of England by capturing this afternoon's Great St. Wilfrid Handicap on Cree Song.

Dead heat verdict is changed

The judge who gave a dead-heat verdict for the first time in the St. George's Stakes at Newbury last Saturday has changed his decision and awarded the race to Be My Valentine.

Abounding signs of 'kids with class'

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent
Mrs Brasher expressed doubts about indications that a few players who leave school at 16 and play almost full-time do not make the progress that might reasonably be expected.

Sandown Park
Total: Double 2.30, 3.30, 4.10.
Draw advantage: Low numbers best.
[Television (ITV) 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0 races]

Sandown results
GOLFERS: 2.30 GOLFERS HANDICAP (2-y-o; £2,104; 55)
DUNNIT ch by Salsab-Lady Liddesdale (W) (5-year-old)
[Television (ITV) 1.45, 2.15, 2.45 races]

Ripon
Draw advantage: low numbers, 8f and over high numbers
[Television (ITV) 1.45, 2.15, 2.45 races]
1.45 BONSPURIT HANDICAP (E2,828; 1m 4f) (11 runners)

Whichello: tightly strung emotions and tactical flair.
BMW part amicably
BMW has withdrawn their sponsorship from one of the most attractive and popular events in the British fixture list, the women's tournament played at Eastbourne during the week before the Wimbledon championships.

2.0 BLACKWOOD HODGE HANDICAP (E3,262; 5f) (12)
2.01 044402 BALK HERRING (E) (5-year-old)
2.02 101210 PLEASANT (E) (5-year-old)
[Television (ITV) 1.45, 2.15, 2.45 races]

2.45 GREAT ST WILFRID HANDICAP (E2,598; 6f) (17)
2.46 HELLO CUDDLES (E) (5-year-old)
2.47 0820 DODDINGTON (E) (5-year-old)
[Television (ITV) 1.45, 2.15, 2.45 races]

3.0 LINNETHALL STAKES (2-y-o; £2,635; 6f) (11)
3.01 0021 SPEAK HOLEY W (G) (5-year-old)
3.02 221 LALA (E) (5-year-old)
[Television (ITV) 1.45, 2.15, 2.45 races]

England's win fails to paper over cracks
From Sydney Friskin, Amsterdam
England achieved their first victory in the European championship yesterday by beating Wales 3-2.

3.35 LEX WILKINSON STAKES (2-y-o; £1,856; 7f) (16)
3.36 0000 BARRATT GRANGE (E) (5-year-old)
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[Television (ITV) 1.45, 2.15, 2.45 races]

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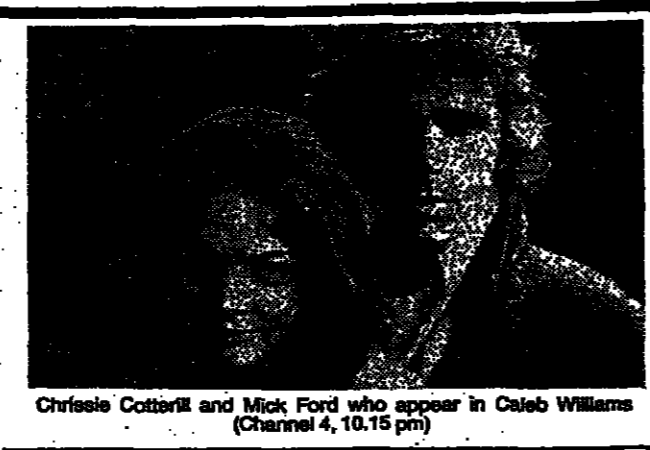
Saturday

Television and radio programmes Edited by Peter Davale

Sunday

- BBC 1
6.25 Open University (until 8.30)
Structural power, 8.05 Who's Going to Manage?; 7.15

- tv-am
8.25 Good Morning Britain: with Toni Arthur and John Nossack
Includes news at 7.00 and 8.00



Chrissie Cottrell and Mick Ford who appear in Caleb Williams (Channel 4, 10.15 pm)

- BBC 2
6.25 Open University (until 8.10)
Saturday Science: The Sevens (1954) Drama, set in New Zealand

- BBC 1
6.25 Open University (until 8.55)
6.30 Camberwick Green (7); 6.35 Knock Knock: The

- tv-am
7.15 Rub-a-Dub-Tub: for the younger viewer. Police horses; cartoons; stories; and a two-



Roy and Elaine Bragg in their Manchester home: they can be seen in Gradinate Britain (TV, 12 noon)

- BBC 2
6.25 Open University (ends at 8.50)
Then from 7.15 until 1.55

- Radio 4
6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 News: Farming Today.
6.35 In Perspective: Religious affairs.

- Radio 3
7.55 Weather. 8.00 News.
8.05 Auld Music by Dvorak (Vladko Valjavec), Mozart (Concert with 11 live artists)

- TONIGHT'S PROM
7.30 Bernstein: Overture, Candide.
Copland: Quiet City.
Copland: Suite Concerto.

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- Radio 2
News Headlines: 6.30 am. Bulletin on the hour (except 8.00 pm).

- SAC Starts 2.50pm Usher
Landscape, 3.15 Misanthrope.
3.45 In Search of Paradise. 4.10 Making The Most Of...

- REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS
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Canada's heritage alive and well and living in Woolwich



A vital part of Canada's heritage, including photographs, maps, music and books missing for many years, has been found in the recesses of the Woolwich Arsenal depository of the British Library (Christopher Warman writes).

Among the most evocative of the items are the 5,000 photographs, from portraits of famous Canadians, including Mary Pickford (right), to scenes of ordinary people at work and play and studies of ethnic groups.

including 1,400 insurance plans made by a Canadian called Goad, which provide a record hitherto incomplete because the public archives of Canada hold fewer than 500 of them.

copies were deposited in libraries in Canada and a third in the British Museum library. The Canadian copies were lost in a series of fires.

New attempt to lift the Alexander L Keilland

An attempt is to be made within the next four weeks to raise the wreck of the North Sea oil rig, Alexander L Keilland, which sank four years ago with the loss of 123 lives.

The wreck has dominated the seascape at Gandsfjord, near Stavanger, since it was towed from the Ekofisk field where it capsized in March, 1979.

reckons that the new attempt is dangerous. A Norwegian defence company has been awarded the contract to be supervised by Det Norske Veritas (DNV), the stake certifying agency.

Russian missile

Continued from page 1 defences, which was published earlier this year. Some defence experts fear moves by the two superpowers towards mobile long-range missiles will mark a further escalation of the arms race.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,213

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include 'Outstanding battlefield (5)', 'A dangerous situation - if not for snooker players (5,4)', 'Record-holder is a hospital doctor (9)', etc.

Today's event

Royal engagement: Princess Margaret visits A Taste of Money 1983 week in Morayshire today, arriving at Walkers of Aberdeen, 11.25. Exhibitions in progress: Francis Danby in Bristol and The Battle is Not Yet Won: work of the Victorian Society and the preservation of national and local buildings, City Museum and Art Gallery, Queen's Road, Bristol; Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (until Sept 10).

Gardens open

TOMORROW: Aberdeen: the Beechgrove Garden, BBC, Broadcasting House, Beechgrove Terrace, Aberdeen; BBC television garden, George Burnett and Jim McColl in attendance; 11 to 6. Aberdeen: Tillyronie, Tarrant; herbaceous borders, terraced garden down to loch, shrubs, gardeners' fine trees and vegetable garden; 3 to 5. Aven: Brackenwood Nurseries, Woodland Walk, Nore Road (Coast Road), Portishead, nr Bristol; 5 acres, woodland garden on steeply-sloping site, many fine shrubs, big collection of bog garden, aviaries, collection of parakeets; 9 to 5. Berkshire: Plant Science Laboratory, Botanical Garden (University of Reading), White Knights Reading, off Reading-Shinfield road into Pepper Lane; 12 acres, wide range of interesting plants, ferns, roses, pelargonium collection; 2 to 6. Derbyshire: Kenilworth Hall, Ealington; 7m SE of Sheffield; 5 acres, Italian-style garden; 10.30 to 6. Essex: Hyde Hall, Rettendon, Chelmsford; trees, shrubs, herbaceous roses, water lilies, greenhouse plants, plants for sale; 2 to 7. Gloucestershire: Ampney Park, on A417, 3m E of Cirencester; large terraced garden, fine trees, herbaceous trout lake, peafowl, ducks; 2 to 6.

Roads

London: Procession through central London, starting Temple Place at 13.15, via Fleet St, Strand, Whitehall, Victoria Embankment, ending Trafalgar Square today, A406 North Circular Road, A404 Harrow Road, Wembley Hill, and A4088 Neasden Lane and Forty Lane closures at junctions 5 to 6 (Birmingham north-east to Birmingham central), A158 and A52: Heavy traffic for Skegness illuminations. Midlands: M1: One carriageway shared between junctions 15 and 16, Northampton two way traffic on one carriageway, Roadworks, M6: one carriageway at junctions 5 to 6 (Birmingham north-east to Birmingham central), A158 and A52: Heavy traffic for Skegness illuminations. North: M6: Southbound carriageway closed today and tomorrow; contraflow M62: Northbound slip road on to the M62 westbound track closed; alternative route via the M602 tomorrow. Many roads closed for Bolton market tomorrow. Wales and West: Holiday routes expected to be crowded, reaching a peak midday today, especially on A30 at Oakhampton, Devon; A38 Plymouth. Scotland: Extra traffic in Edinburgh for military tattoo and International Festival. Information supplied by the AA.

Weather

Weather forecast section including a map of the UK and surrounding regions, and text describing a depression centred off SW England. It includes sections for '6am to midnight', 'Sea passages', 'Lighting-up time', 'Around Britain', and 'High and lowest' temperatures.

Tomorrow

Royal Engagement: Princess Margaret will attend morning service at the Episcopal Church, Elgin, Morayshire, 11. Music: Recital by Capricorn string and wind octet, Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, 8. Organ Recital by Christopher Liddle, St Olaves, Marygate, York, 8. Concert by Swan Hunter Band, Saltwell Park, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, 3.15 and 6.30. Concert by City of Newcastle Pipe Band, Derwent Park, Rowlands Gill, Tyne and Wear, 3.

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The pound

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The papers

The New York Times said that the Reagan Administration's measures to deter marijuana smoking were almost as extreme as planting land mines in non-parking zones. Federal engineers in Georgia had sprayed pot with parquat, a herbicide which was lethal when inhaled. The paper stated: "If all parquat did was to eradicate the crop, they might be defensible. Commercial trafficking is, after all, a crime, and a much more serious one than illegal parking. But common sense and common decency dictate that pot smokers should not be put at great health risk in the process."

High and lowest

Table showing high and lowest temperatures for various cities including London, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, Nottingham, Oxford, Plymouth, Southampton, Swansea, and Wolverhampton.

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